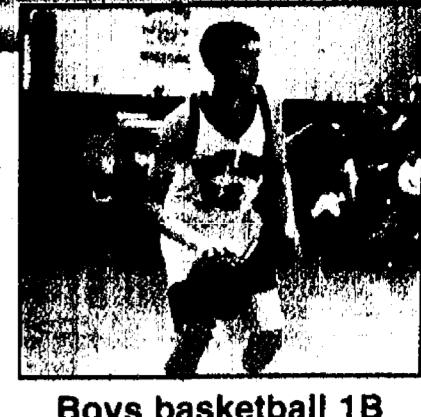




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State gives local school lunch program thumbs up



Photo by Cherryl Rulley

These kids agree with the state's opinion that the Crawford AuSable School's nutrition program is worth praise. All from the 2nd/3rd grade split class at the AuSable Primary School are Robert Dwyre, Kelly Drake, Morgan Jensen, Nathaniel Heichel, Emily Wingard, Sierra Dyer and Iva Haven enjoying their lunches of chicken rings, mashed potatoes, choice of fresh fruit, a turnover and milk. See Page 3A for story.

Larceny suspect given three to 10 year sentence

By Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

Michael Patrick Bergan, age 40 of Beaver Creek Township, was sentenced January 7 in Crawford County's 46th Circuit Trial Court to 36 months to 10 years in state prison for stealing \$150,000 from a local businessman last July.

Bergan was taken into custody not long after the businessman reported the money missing to Michigan State Police. He was arrested in Ohio when police discovered a warrant against him while investigating a motorcycle accident involving Bergan. At the time, police said Bergan was in possession of \$12,000 cash and had stashed \$70,000 in a motel room. He had also deposited a large sum in a bank. About \$120,000 was recovered at that time.

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis accepted Bergan's guilty plea last November on felony larceny charges following the dismissal of charges of an alleged incident of assault and battery.

According to state law, Bergan could, along with jail time, be fined up to \$15,000 or an amount equaling three times the value of what was stolen. No fine was set at sentencing, but Judge Davis will determine the amount of restitution once the court knows exactly how much money has been recovered.

Bergan was ordered to pay \$60 to the Crime Victims Fund and was handed over to the Michigan Department of Corrections to serve his sentence. He was given credit for 187 days already served.

Sentencing delayed in Tironi case

By Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

The Honorable Judge Dennis Murphy postponed the sentencing of a former local teen center owner on January 8 in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court.

A court spokesperson could not give a definitive answer as to why there will be delay in sentencing former Grayling teen center owner Michael Tironi, age 40, but said the postponement is not a highly unusual occurrence during the sentencing phase.

Tironi was found guilty by a jury in late November on charges of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree and providing alcohol to minors stemming from a July 2000 complaint made by a then 18-year old Roscommon man.

The incident was reported to have occurred at Tironi's former home near the Kalkaska/Crawford County line.

A new sentencing date has not been set and no comment was available from Kalkaska County Prosecutor Brian Donnelly.

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Attorney allowed to withdraw from murder case

by Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

Chief Judge Alton T. Davis granted a motion January 7 allowing defense attorney David E. Fregolle to withdraw from representing murder suspect Randee Craig Johnson in his trial set to begin February 11.

Johnson, age 41 of Beaver Creek Township, is charged with one count of open murder in the shooting death of Shane Piehl late last May. Piehl was found shot twice in the head and lying by his car off a two-track road near the intersection of I-75 and Four Mile Road. Sheriff's officials believe the incident was a drug-related homicide.

Fregolle's request was filed with 46th Circuit Trial Court on December 3 stating he provided counsel for Johnson to the best of his ability, having represented him through preliminary examination. He stated he cannot continue to represent Johnson mainly due to lack of proper compensation, leaving him unable to adequately prepare for trial.

The Southfield attorney also stated a lack of cooperation from Johnson, namely his failure to respond to "numerous pieces of correspondence" or to meetings. Fregolle stated he has been unable to reach by phone two of Johnson's representatives, his sister and a

neighbor, helping him with the case. He stated one phone number was disconnected.

Citing Michigan law, Fregolle stated he is now in a conflict with Johnson over the non-payment and lack of cooperation and should be allowed to withdraw from the case.

This is the second time during his representation of Johnson that Fregolle has requested to be removed from the case. Judge Francis Walsh denied his request while the case was still in district court. At that time, Fregolle made the request because his wife was experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and the birth was drawing near. The court worked with Fregolle on scheduling to allow him to spend time with his wife and new son, but would not release him from his obligation to Johnson.

Johnson will now be represented by a yet-to-be-named court appointed attorney and has waived his right to a speedy trial. No new trial date has been set in the case, however it is likely that Johnson's new attorney will request additional time to prepare the case, pushing the trial to later in the year.

Kathy Piehl, mother of the murder victim, was hoping the trial would go on as scheduled, but agreed Johnson should be properly represented in court.

Poet Joe will be missed

by Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

From time to time, the *Avalanche* publishes poetry penned by local authors. Joe Murphy was no stranger to the pages of the *Avalanche*, off and on, for some years. Being a "transplant" to Grayling, I was not as familiar with his story and his works as the natives, but I am glad I got a chance to meet Joe after he found his talent.

I met Joe for the first time a few years ago at Goodale's Bakery. Someone at one of the conversation-filled tables perhaps pointed me out to him as I waited to pick out some goodies. He raised his voice just loud enough for me to hear him say, "So, you're the young girl who is writing for the paper these days." I turned, introduced myself, knowing how to take a compliment at the age of 40, thanked him for referring to me as a "young girl."

I sat down with Mr. Murphy and we talked for over an hour about his love of writing poetry and columns in the *Avalanche* during the 1980s and early 1990s. The day we met, he was working on another set of prose.

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County places landfill money in revolving fund

by Cherryl Rulley
Staff Writer

Crawford County Treasurer Joe Wakeley has confirmed \$500,000 was received by the county on January 4, the result of a court settlement involving the Waters landfill from back in 1992.

Ten years have passed since the lawsuit was settled that kept \$1 million aside for investment, earning interest shared equally each year by Crawford and Otsego Counties. Wakeley said, on average, the money earned about \$50,000 annually depending on interest rates. Though the county will no longer enjoy that interest

income as a deposit in the general fund, it has a half-million dollars to use as it sees fit.

Back in October, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to place the money in the county's revolving tax fund upon receipt. They made the decision after careful consideration and on the advice of county auditor, Marvin Henderson.

Since hired by the county, Henderson's auditing firm has urged the Commissioners to find a way to make the delinquent tax revolving fund self-sustaining and to run the county on a balanced budget.

Benefits of placing the lump sum in the revolving tax fund instead of in the general fund are two-fold, County Chairman Scott Hanson said.

The action puts the county closer to the self-sustaining goal eventually allowing the county to avoid paying interest on bonds purchased to make payments to collecting units while attempting to collect \$1.2 million in delinquent taxes this year alone. He said it will actually allow the county to earn interest income instead of paying it out.

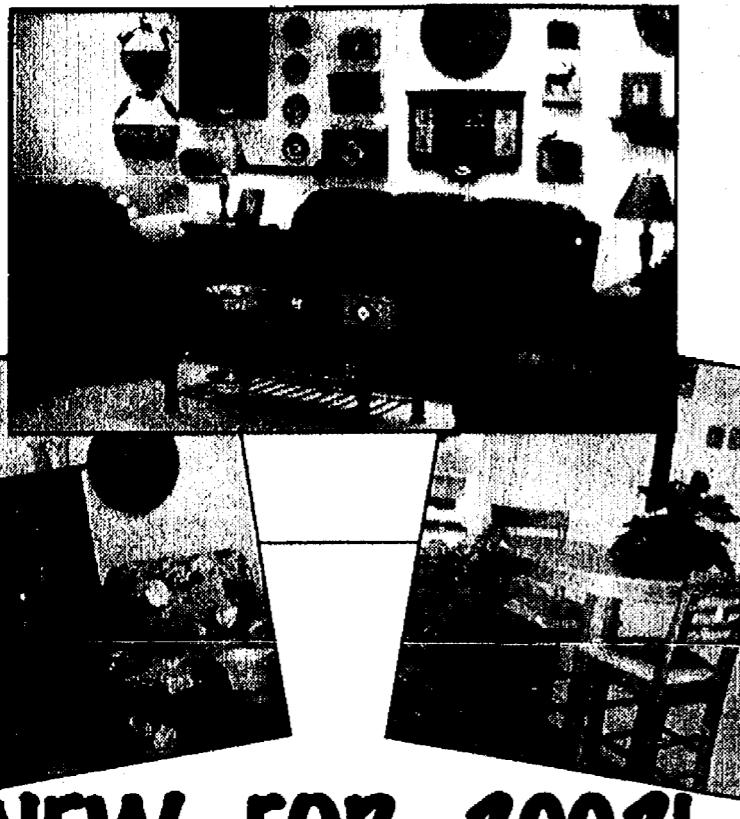
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County Board re-elects Hanson as Chairman



The Crawford County Board Commissioners voted unanimously to continue under the leadership of Chairman Scott Hanson (left) and Vice Chairman Terry Beardslee (right). See Page 2A for story.

Photo by Cherryl Rulley



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POET JOE WILL BE MISSED

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He credited his writing skills to a brain tumor he was diagnosed with in 1986, saying he may have lost some brain cells in the battle, but the tumor must have "activated" another part of his brain. He said poetry just poured out of him when before he found it difficult to write.

I ran into him from time to time after that first encounter, sometimes for a short chat, sometimes he'd spot me and we'd exchange waves -- and it was always at

Goodale's and he seemed like such a humble fellow to me -- never handing out advice, but rather letting me in on some of the little nuances of the town's personality.

He never mentioned to me that he sold his works with all proceeds going to local charities like the Christian Help Center and the Crawford County Historic Museum. I discovered his generosity while reading old newspaper clippings.

Time went by and I made only

occasional trips into the bakery (it was a "waistful" thing, if you know what I mean). I can't really remember just how long ago I shared a wave with Joe. I was in Goodale's this past holiday season and noticed Joe was not there. Someone told me he was in a nursing home. I am sorry I didn't ask for more details. He is gone now and I didn't even wave good-bye.

Joseph D. Murphy, better known as "The Poet," passed away last Friday, January 4 at Mercy Manor in Grayling at the

age of 73. He was born in Frederic on September 23, 1928 and leaves his wife, Carolyn, of over 52 years. Joe wrote about life and his experiences, and loved to share them with anyone willing to lend an ear or take the time to read his works. He has been a colorful brushstroke on the textured canvas of this community for many years and he will be missed.

Take a few minutes, sit down with a cup of coffee (and a doughnut), and enjoy this poem written by Joe "The Poet" Murphy.

From his column, Verse or Worse

'Yesterday's Dreams'

by Joseph D. Murphy

Right over there, I met Sally Maloney

Out for a ride on her spotted pony.

We sat over there under that tree,

And we shared our dreams of days to be.

I wonder, where is Sally today?

Could her raven hair now, have turned to gray?

Is her young beauty wrinkled and old?

Does she ever remember our days of gold?

Sally, no matter where you are today;

With body old and hair of gray,

We met today as in days of yore.

And you were young and beautiful once more.

I wonder if she ever thinks of me?

I know the picture her eyes would see --

A young man full of dreams and plans,

Of castles built upon the sands.

Sally, though we're now old, our dreams away,

The clouds still glide across the sky.

County Board re-elects Hanson as Chairman

by Cheryll Ruley

Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of

Commissioners held its annual organizational meeting for 2002 on January 2. At the meeting, the Commissioners re-elected for the second year, Scott Hanson as Chairman and Terry Beardslee as Vice Chairman. The votes were unanimous.

The Board reviewed its rules of order and made no changes. Committee of the Whole chairman assignments were discussed and will remain the same as in 2001: Ways and Means - Elizabeth Wieland; Personnel and Labor - Shelley Pinkelman; Law Enforcement - Harold "Tike" Golnick; Judicial - Lynnette Corlew.

The commissioners serve in other ways throughout the community, representing the county at many agencies -- attending meetings, bringing ideas and concerns, as well as making decisions which affect the citizens of Crawford County. The following list contains assignments for 2002:

- Emergency Management - Hanson, Beardslee
- Road Commission - Hanson
- Public Health - Corlew, Pinkelman, Beardslee (alternate)
- Mental Health - Wieland

County places landfill money in revolving fund

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"As much as we have complained about county money shortages, the Board wants to remain frugal and plan for the future," Hanson said. "The only way that revolving tax fund will ever become self-funding is if we take this action now to safeguard the money, invest it and not nickel-dime it to death, then wonder where it all went." Hanson said the interest earned instead of paid-out will help the county budget in the long run and he encourages county taxpayers to be patient.

Wakeley said the county hopes to have the delinquent tax revolving fund self-funding within three years, something he said state legislators have been urging county governments to do in the wake of changes in delinquent tax sales procedures.

- Planning & Zoning - Beardslee, Hanson
- Soil & Water - Pinkelman
- Environmental - Beardslee
- Community Corrections - Golnick, Hanson (alternate)
- Chamber of Commerce - Pinkelman
- Youth Services - Wieland
- Commission on Aging - Pinkelman
- Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) - Beardslee
- Family Independence Agency (FIA) - Corlew
- Crawford County Collaborative Body - Corlew
- Economic Development Fund - Golnick, Hanson
- Northeast Michigan Consortium - Wieland
- Northern Michigan Substance Abuse - Pinkelman
- Parks Commission - Golnick, Hanson
- Michigan Northern Counties - Wieland, Corlew (alternate)

• Library - Corlew, Beardslee (alternate)

• Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) - Hanson, Wieland (alternate)

• Industrial Development - Hanson.

Crawford citizens who have concerns, questions or comments about any of the above agencies should address them to the appropriate commissioner(s).

The Board also set its meeting schedule for 2002, continuing to meet at the courthouse on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for Committees of the Whole and on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for regular board meetings.

Exceptions to this schedule are in the months of April and September when the Board will meet the third Thursday and the fourth Wednesday.

The next time the Board will meet is January 10 for Committee meetings and January 16 for its regular monthly meeting.

Road Commission Board keeps same officers

by Caleb Casey

Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission Board recently decided to stick with its same officers for the year 2002.

At last Thursday's board meeting, the commissioners voted 3-0 to have Tom Perry continue serving as chairman and John Hartman continue serving as vice-chair. Ken Riehle is the third board member.

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Due to an error in the Avalanche, Davenport University ran ads during December that had the wrong web site address. The correct address is www.davenport.edu. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

State gives local school lunch program thumbs up

By Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Every four or five years, the Michigan Department of Education pays a visit to the Crawford AuSable School District to audit its nutrition program. In November, Janet Gaffke and her staff went under the microscope -- with wonderful results.

As the district's Food Service Director, Gaffke oversees lunch and breakfast menus, staffing, budget and equipment needs. On average, the district serves 343 breakfasts and nearly 1,200 lunches each school day. State reviewer Derek Jones Sr. told Gaffke he was impressed with many things regarding the nutrition program.

Jones paid site visits to the AuSable Primary School and Grayling High School. (During each audit, the state tries to rotate which schools receive site visits.) Jones told Gaffke he was very happy with how well the staff prepared and served meals at the high school considering the less than adequate facility in which they operate. Gaffke said preparing meals will be even better with the new cafeteria and equipment planned for the high school in the near future. She worked closely with planners to make sure the new kitchen will be well equipped.

Recordkeeping was also audited during the coordinated review, finding positive management. The computerized debit card system used by students to pay for their meals also received high marks. Gaffke works with an annual budget of approximately \$750,000 with revenue coming from federal, state and local sources. About 50% of students in the district qualify for free or reduced lunches, but not all parents take advantage of the income-based program.

Nutritionally, Gaffke said she is very proud to say that her menus fall below the 30% allowable fat content, averaging 28% per lunch. She said she has found ways to lower fat content, raise nutritional values and make meals appealing to even the fussiest eaters. Some of the latest additions that have become favorites are nachos made with baked tortilla chips, bean dip (an idea borrowed from the East Jordan Schools) and white rice.

"Finding a variety is a challenge," said Gaffke, "but we really want to appeal to the kids, so it is worth the work. The kids really seem to love the new items."

Grain-based desserts such as fruit crisps, cookies and banana cake have been added, too, providing

another way to meet the students' nutritional needs while satisfying their sweet tooth.

Besides offering a menued lunch and breakfast each day, kids are also allowed to build their own lunches. There is a variety of yogurt to choose from, salads and growing in popularity is "breakfast for lunch." Gaffke said a lot of the students are opting for breakfast items when lunch items aren't their favorites. This assures the kids are at least eating something they like and are not dumping a whole tray of unwanted food.

The breakfast program has about five cold cereals to offer, along with bagels, English muffins, cinnamon toast, french toast, pancakes and eggs. Gaffke stays away from offering breakfast sausage because of its high fat content. Seven years ago, Grayling High School served on average only 150 breakfasts per school day. In 2001, the average served was 255 and interest is growing.

As part of the overall "excellent" audit, Jones left Gaffke with the following remarks:

- If the Michigan Department of Education ever needed to have a recommendation for a Michigan school lunch model, this district's program would be his first choice.
- Very good menus.
- Meals are assembled and served at point of service. Everything is hands on service. Very good presentation.
- Computerized points of service used to record all meals. Very good system.

At the AuSable Primary School, Jones was most impressed with the way the lunchroom staff treated the children. Gaffke said he commented each employee was caring and warm and that's just the kind of people needed to make lunch a pleasant experience for young children.

Jones concluded, "I have no recommendations for this review cycle other than to keep doing what you are doing to improve this system. Very good food service program. All state and federal guidelines for meal service and recordkeeping are being met. No further review required until the next cycle."

As important as the state's opinion is regarding the food service in the school district, another voice was also waiting to be heard -- that of the children. Those interviewed at the AuSable Primary School said they love the tacos, chicken nuggets, pizza and cherry turnovers. They said the "lunch ladies" treat them well and are "really nice," helping their classes by preparing



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

Nicole Coon, Stephen Fraley and Cody Davis all agree the lunch program is great! Nicole has one complaint, though: "I really don't like to eat the pizza right now... I have this loose tooth and it makes it really hard for me to bite into the pizza."



Photo courtesy of CASD Board of Education

(From left) Director of Food Service, Janet Gaffke, and Food Service Building Managers Rose Keusch, Becky Bond, and Kathy Piehl were honored recently by the Board of Education for the recent successful audit of the district's nutrition program.

food for field trips and parties. Overall, Gaffke said nachos seems to be the favorite lunch served.

Because of their high marks from the state, the CASD Board of Education recently recognized

Gaffke and her Food Service Building Managers for all of their hard work. "I couldn't be successful without all the dedication and hard work of my staff members," Gaffke said.

City, school district join forces to create ice rink

► Rink will have one side for hockey and one for skating

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A joint venture between the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable School District (CASD) is currently working to create a dual-purpose, outdoor ice rink within the city limits.

The idea of installing an ice rink was initiated by the city's Parks Committee, then brought to the city council. Parks Committee members, including recent appointee Tom Wellman, looked into options and associated costs with regard to putting in lights at the site.

In December, the council voted 5-0 to approve up to \$5,500 to pay for the lights, and the CASD School Board later also approved of the overall plan.

The rink is being installed on school district property, the middle school's physical education field

located just east of GMS in the City of Grayling. The lights, which will be equipped with automatic shut-off timers, have been ordered and are expected to arrive soon, city officials said.

Since the rink is located on school property, it will be closed to the public during school hours because CASD has a "closed campus" policy. But once school is out, anyone can use the rink until the 10 p.m. curfew time.

The rink will have two halves: one side for ice hockey and one side for skating. The CASD Athletic Department is providing the divider and hockey goals, Athletic Director Brian Banda said. (Banda is also a member of the city council.)

The ice rink was flooded this week by the Grayling Fire Department and will open once the weather stays cold enough to keep it frozen solid.

"We're supposed to get some warm weather this week. (The rink will be open) as soon as we get a week of cold weather," said Grayling City Manager Allen Lowe.

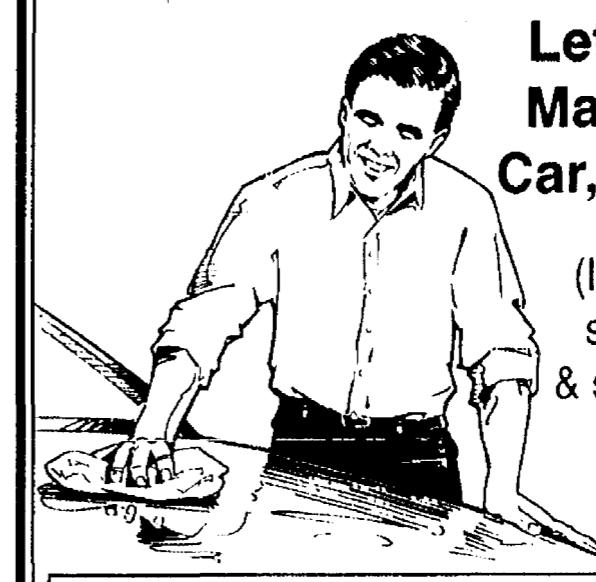
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Wounded but willing, Swami previews 2002

DISCRETION IS the better part of valor. That's probably true.

So exhibiting no discretion at all, The Almanack opts once more to haul out the crystal ball and plunge into predictions for 2002.

Part of this usual ritual is to look back and see how earlier forecasts turned out.

We didn't miss a single prediction for 2001.

That's not because of acumen. Instead of predicting last January, I was hospitalized with knee replacement surgery, which laid me up for several weeks.

If the choice is the crystal ball or surgery, I have no qualms about choosing predictions.

I also missed checking on 2000 predictions; solely to complete the record, here's an update on what we said for 2000.

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CORRECTLY WE saw George Bush being elected president (right) but by a "comfortable" electoral vote and popular majority (wrong twice).

We said Hillary Clinton would lose her senate race (she won) and that Debbie Stabenow would upset U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham (she did). We said Democrats would win the U.S. House and Republicans the U.S. Senate (wrong twice).

We also said Democrats would win the Michigan House (wrong), and that Atty. Gen. Jennifer Granholm would position herself to run for governor (right).

All in all, predictions for 2000 were not too sharp.

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AS FOR 2002, the coming year is even tougher to fathom.

After 12 years as governor, John Engler will leave office. That's not tough to foresee -- he's term-limited.

Some speculation expects Mr. Engler to resign early, so his handpicked successor, Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus, can run in November as the sitting governor. An interesting scenario, but it won't happen.

The campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor is wide open. Former

Gov. James Blanchard continues to lead in the polls, but most objective experts seem to think Jennifer Granholm will win the primary in August. A handful opt for U.S. Rep. David Bonior, but very few pick Jim Blanchard.

Anything is possible. Forced to make a bold but reluctant prediction so early in the year, the Almanack picks Mr. Blanchard to win the nomination, pick Ms. Granholm for lieutenant governor, and go on to defeat Mr. Posthumus in November.

Sen. Carl Levin will have no trouble defeating Republican State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski to win a fifth term in the U.S. Senate. His stature in national and international affairs will grow rapidly as the nation continues in a state of semi-war against terrorism.

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REPUBLICANS WILL maintain control of both sides of the Michigan legislature, winning the house by a very narrow margin.

The restructured Michigan congressional delegation will have a Republican majority

for the first time in many years, including Candice Miller, now secretary of state.

Lengthening legislative term limits will fail to make it to the November ballot; if somehow it does, voters will reject longer terms.

Legalizing marijuana for medicinal purposes will win a statewide referendum via petitions, but voters will say no.

After completing his third term as governor, Mr. Engler will join a prestigious Michigan-Washington law firm, mainly as a rainmaker, in a role designed to secure new business.

Democratic candidates for the 2004 presidential nomination will proliferate this year, none winning overwhelming support.

Business downsizing will continue, as employers seek new and lower cost levels for doing business.

Osama bin Laden will not be taken into custody unless he's dead. (Note: If he is captured before this column reaches print, please disregard this prediction.)

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NOW FOR THE important stuff:

The New York Yankees will win the world series. The Red Wings' geriatric group will win the Stanley Cup.

The MSU basketball team will make the Sweet Sixteen, but not the Final Four. The Spartans will challenge for the Big Ten football championship. So will Michigan. One or the other will win it.

The Detroit Tigers again will lose more than they win. General Manager Randy Smith and field manager Phil Garner will be fired.

The Detroit Lions will start an arduous recovery from the bottom and make the playoffs in 2002.

When Penelope Cruz marries Tom Cruise, she will not become Cruz-Cruise. Neither will he.

That's it for this time. Please check back next year.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

VIEWPOINT

Robert Jones, Superintendent, COOR ISD

School board members recognized

School Board Recognition Month, in January, is celebrated by 560 local and 57 intermediate school districts in Michigan, as 4,200 elected school board members are honored by their schools and community for untiring dedication to school governance.

We are proud to list the men and women serving in your community:

Crawford AuSable School District: Marilyn Rosi, Karl Schreiner, Carol Ramaswamy, John Pilon, Melvin Nunn, Gary Pettyjohn, James Tobin.

COOR Intermediate School District: Lois Byrd (Roscommon), Robert Carpenter (Mio), Bernadine Dosch (Grayling), Charles Jackson (Grayling), William Langendorfer (West Branch), Roderick Martin (Houghton Lake), Larry Roggow (Mio).

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In 2001, the shelter took in a total of 698 animals.

Of 510 dogs taken in, 58 were euthanized, 24 died, 246 were adopted, 84 were picked up by their owners. 20 were taken by rescue groups, 15 went to Leader Dog for the Blind, and five ran away, were stolen, etc. Twenty-six dogs were carried over into 2002. That leaves 27 dogs unaccounted.

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EDITOR

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cessful fund-raisers. A new roof has been put on the shelter and Ray Swiercz has donated a 12' x 60' mobile home to the shelter. It will be used to house our cats and kittens, an office, and to give us some much needed storage space once it is set and renovations are completed.

We will have to purchase new cat cages soon because what we have are not adequate. We could use some volunteers to help with renovations and donations to buy materials and new cages.

More fund-raisers are being planned. As a matter of fact, there is a fund-raising committee meeting planned for January 16 at the Gray Rock Cafe at 7 p.m. if you would like to come and join in. We also need to start a group to raise funds for a new animal shelter. If that is your interest, come to the fund-raising meeting and let

us know. Both groups are needed to keep things going.

There has been one change at the animal shelter. You now have to pay a \$5 membership fee to be a member. Your donations of time, money, and resources no longer count toward membership. We are now taking memberships for 2002 and you even get a "fancy" card.

You may send your memberships, donations, or even ideas (I know some of you have some great fund-raising ideas) to: The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Here's hoping for a better "new year" for all of us.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling

School board helped WWII vets get high school diplomas

To the editor,

In light of our nation's renewed interest in patriotism and community pride, I would like to acknowledge what the Grayling school system did to help World War II veterans more than 50 years ago.

In 1946, Eugene Lawler, school principal, initiated a program under the auspices of the GI Bill, so those veterans who had dropped out of school to go into the military service would have the opportunity to

obtain a high school diploma.

When we returned from the war, we attended school in the evenings to make up and pass courses we had missed. After our curriculum was completed, our high school diplomas were awarded. Some of us graduated in our 20s.

I feel gratified that Mr. Lawler, Superintendent Frank Bond, and the school board at that time was receptive to this program. It changed many veterans' lives, and provided

us with educational and career opportunities that we would otherwise never had.

I know the following veterans took advantage of this program. If I left out any participants, perhaps others can identify them.

Grayling High School Class of 1947: Fred Allen, Dick Gildner, Jack Hall, Jack Perry, Keith Sorenson, Delbert Case, Beward LaMotte, Clarence Papendick, Donald Sorenson, Robert Tiffin,

and Joe Jorgenson; Class of 1948: James Crawford, James Kornosky, Frank May, Edwin Owens, and Perry Wells.

I'm sure there are still people in Grayling who will recall some of these veterans who graduated later in life.

Jim Kornosky
Wausau, WI

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BRIEFS

Sheriff to attend Beaver Creek meeting

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely will be attending the Beaver Creek Township meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14 at 10 a.m. Anyone with questions or comments for the Sheriff should feel free to attend this meeting. He will be there throughout the meeting and, if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

Lions' Lucky 13 winner announced

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 1 is Max C. Tobin of Grayling.

Project Graduation needs sale items

The 2002 Project Graduation Committee will be holding its annual rummage sale on February 23 and 24 at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. Donations of non-clothing items are currently being accepted. For more information, contact Sue McInally at (989) 348-2324.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of December 30 were George Wolfe, John Blaine, and Steve Brinks. Winners for the week of January 6 were Jerry Welch, Paula Harwood, Mike McEvans, and Holly Plutko.

Bowmen seeking archery enthusiasts

Archers in Crawford County and surrounding communities are invited to join the Bear's Bowmen Archery Club as its members embark on a new year of activities. Anyone who enjoys archery for fun or hunting, traditional or compound bow, individually or as a family, is encouraged to visit the clubhouse at Hanson Hills Recreational Area each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., beginning January 22. Parents who have children interested in competitive shooting are also invited. The Bear's Bowmen are hoping to make its club one of which Fred Bear would be proud.

Ladies x-country ski night each Wed.

Cross Country Ski Shop in Grayling has begun offering "Ladies Ski Night" each Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. or whenever skiers can get there, however all equipment rentals must be made by 6 p.m. Rentals for the event are offered at a discount. Beginners are welcome. The evening brings the opportunity to meet new friends and ward off the winter doldrums. Groomed trails and hot drinks will be available. For more information, call the ski shop at 348-8558, or event coordinators Carrie at 344-1060 or Kelly at 348-2085.

Grayling Lady Eagles invite all to fish fry

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary #3465 will hold an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Saturday, January 12, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

4-H/Red Cross swim classes to begin

Crawford County MSU Extension/4-H is offering swim classes for Level IV to be held at the Holiday Inn in Grayling, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., with instruction the first half-hour and free swim following each class. Classes run for six weeks and the cost is \$18; scholarships are available through the AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau. Register at the MSU-E office located in the basement of the Crawford County Courthouse or call 344-3264 for more information and class dates.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

Wed. Jan. 9 - Swiss Steak/Beef Pot Pie; Commodities at Hanson Hills from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m.; RSVP cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Birthday dinner and White Elephant Auction at 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Thu. Jan. 10 - Baked Ham/Chicken Stir Fry; BP's and sugars taken at 11 a.m. to noon. Out to Lunch Gang goes to TC, leaving at 10:30 a.m.; Bible Study at 11 a.m.; Adult Ed classes at 1 p.m. and Uno-Attack at 5:30 p.m.

Fri. Jan. 11 - Beef Ragout/no dinner; Frederic Satellite at 12:30 p.m.;

Crawford County Commission on Aging Survey

The Commission on Aging (COA) is asking seniors, age 60 and above to complete and mail back (or drop off) the following survey. Results will help determine some of the needs of senior citizens in our community. Your participation is important and appreciated.

Is there a need in Crawford County for an Adult Day Care Center? (An Adult Day Care Center would provide caregivers of ailing or disabled spouses or parents a safe place to receive continued care when the caregivers need to run errands or make a trip out of town.)

Yes _____

No _____

Using the space below, please suggest services you would like the Commission on Aging to provide.

Please complete and mail (or drop off) to: COA, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, MI 49738. Any questions regarding this survey may be directed to Nova Anderson, Director, at 348-7123.

Teamwork brightens holiday



Photo Courtesy of Grayling Eagles Auxiliary

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary teamed up recently with Crawford County Sheriff Department to donate ten baskets full of food to needy families at Christmas. Pictured left to right are Deputy Shawn Schnoor, Eagles Auxiliary Vice President Judy Hollis, and Deputy Bill Bonkowski. Among others working on the project were Lady Eagles Marsha Kroell and Dorothy Duff (not shown).

Auditions to be held for 'The Odd Couple'

Kirtland Center Players will hold auditions for "The Odd Couple" on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 22 and 23, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., in the G.I. Auditorium on the campus of Kirtland Community college.

"The Odd Couple," a play by Neil Simon, will be produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. "There is scarcely a moment that is not hilarious." - *N.Y. Times*. "Fresh, richly hilarious and remarkably original. Wildly, irresistibly, incredibly and continuously funny." - *N.Y. Daily News*.

The play has roles for six men and six women. Director Beth Petrik requests those interested in auditioning come prepared to read selected scenes from the play. The auditions are open to any area resident.

In addition to the cast members, people are needed to work behind the scenes as costumer, make-up, props and technical assistants. Anyone interested in getting involved, is invited to come out and join the players at the auditions.

For more information call (989) 275-5000, extension 375.

4-H Youth Archery Classes

The 4-H Office still has openings in its Archery Program for youth, ages eight years and above. Classes will be taught by certified instructors from the Bear's Bowmen Archery Club, under the direction of Bill Weaver, and held indoors at the Archery Club.

Classes start on Monday, January 14, or Wednesday, January 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with advanced classes from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To begin classes, youth must be eight years old or older by the date of the first class. For advanced

classes, youth must have received a 4-H Certificate of Completion of beginners class.

Classes run for eight weeks, cost is \$15 per child, and equipment is provided. Advanced class students may bring their own equipment.

Register at the Crawford County MSU-E Office, located in the lower level of the courthouse. Registration is limited.

For more information, call the 4-H office at 344-3264. Income related scholarships are available through AuSable Valley Youth Service Bureau.

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For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

January 9 through 12, from 8 a.m.

KCC offers off-campus business courses

Kirtland Community College is again offering business courses in West Branch during the winter semester.

A pair of three credit hour courses will be available on Mondays in the banquet rooms at Coyle's Restaurant, just off I-75.

Marketing 10100, Principles of Retailing, examines the general theories used in establishing and operating a retail establishment and is scheduled to run from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Business 21000, Principles of Management, examines the various functions and processes of management such as organizing, directing, planning and controlling an organization and is scheduled to run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Both courses will be taught by Judith Grenkowicz, chairman of Kirtland's business department.

For more information, phone Dr. Grenkowicz at (989) 356-2289.

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Note: There is no 'Business After Hours' this month.

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The Bible Speaks

Religious Terrorism?

(A reprint we first published in 03/02/2000 warning of our present war.)

While liberals are fighting to keep God, the Bible, The Ten Commandments, and Christian witness silent in the United States, they are ignoring the growing internal threat of Islamic terrorists. Counterterrorism expert Steven Emerson recently testified before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee saying that the U.S. and Canada have become havens for Islamic terrorist from the Middle East. Emerson testified that "despite counterterrorism legislation, the United States and Canada have become a haven for such terrorist groups as the Palestinian Hamas and Islamic Jihad, the Lebanese Hezbollah, the Algerian Armed Islamic Group, the Egyptian Al Gamaat Al Islamiya and the Al Qaida group, led by Saudi billionaire fugitive Osama Bin Laden." Emerson said, Islamic leaders coming to the U.S. included, Wadih Hage, secretary of Bin Laden, Islamic Jihad leader Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, and Ayman Zawahiri, leader of the Egyptian Al Jihad organization. Emerson cited the liberal climate in the United States, the ability to hide under mainstream religious identification, loopholes in immigration procedures, ease of penetration of borders, and compartmentalization of terrorist cells around loosely structured terrorist

movements as the reason we now face such dangers.

For exposing Islamic terrorism in the United States Emerson has been targeted by American Muslim groups. They even tried to block his testimony before Congress. Emerson said, "The very success of these organizations and their supporters, fronting under the false veneer of being 'moderate' and 'mainstream,' in creating a chilling climate where free speech on this issue has been suppressed, has become a factor in allowing foreign terrorists to operate in the United States below the radar screen and thus avoid the scrutiny from either the media, public officials or law enforcement."

While all of us treasure freedom of religion in the U.S.A., we also believe in freedom from all religious terrorism. There is a sharp distinction between the religious belief systems of Christianity and Islam. They worship a different god, Allah, not Jehovah or Jesus Christ. They have a different authority, the Quran rather than the Bible. They use different methods to gain global power. The Quran commands Muslims to wage war against non-Muslims and apostates (Surah 5:33; 9:5, 29). Muslims point to the Crusades and accuse "Christians" of the same thing, but there is a fundamental difference. Muslims kill people in obedience to their faith in the Quran, while the Crusaders killed in disobedience to the New Testament. While the Quran commands Jihad or Holy War, the New Testament forbids it. Free people are threatened when any religion is permitted to use force to make converts. All tyranny is evil. It is most evil when covered by the deceptive piety of religion.

God's Holy Bible revealed truth that gives all persons the unalienable right of freedom to accept or reject God's will. Jesus Christ commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature in every nation. (Matt 28:18-22 & Mark 16:15,16) Christians believe freedom of religion is the greatest God-given human right. The only sword authorized for use by the church for soul-winning is the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. (Eph 6:17 & Heb 4:12). Only eternal vigilance against all forms of tyranny can protect our religious freedom. Pastor "B"

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Eastern Star seeking new members

► Young people needed to join as OES membership ranks grow older

Submitted by Lockey Frelund
Publicity Chair - OES

The local chapter of the Order of Eastern Star (OES) is interested in hearing from anyone who has ever considered membership in the largest organization in the world of which both men and women can belong.

Anyone who meets the eligibility requirements listed below and pays an initial petition fee of \$11 and \$17 per year in dues may join. Meetings are held at the Grayling Masonic Temple located next to the theatre on Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Those who are eligible for mem-

bership are:

• Affiliated Master Masons in good standing;

• Wives, daughters, legally adopted daughters, mothers, widows, sisters, half-sisters, granddaughters, stepmothers, stepdaughters, stepsons, daughters-in-law, grandmothers, great granddaughters, nieces, great nieces, mothers-in-law, daughters of sisters or brothers (nieces) of affiliated Master Masons in good standing, or if deceased, were in good standing at the time of their deaths;

• Members either active for three years or who have made their majority in the International Order of Rainbow for Girls or of the International Order of Job's Daughters, and reciprocal duties are

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to all my friends and neighbors for all the flowers, cards and delicious meals that were brought to the house during my stay in the hospital. Also to the staff of two south, and Dr. Ramaswamy for the wonderful care I received.

Your thoughtfulness meant so much.

Joanne Ferguson

due from them to the Master Masons.

Each eligible candidate must have reached the age of 18 years at the time petition is presented and must have been a resident of the State of Michigan for at least one year.

Anyone interested is invited to attend any Open Installation (held in the month of October), OES social function or fund-raiser. A fair is held each Friday and Saturday in August to benefit the Masonic Pathways Home in Alma, a facility the OES is proud of. The home provides independent living through nursing care. Tours of the home are available during the fair or by appointment.

Anyone wishing further information regarding membership in the Order of Eastern Star or who would like a petition for membership, contact Katherine Garbe at 275-5329.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph D. Murphy

Sept. 23, 1928 - Jan. 4, 2002
Joseph D. Murphy "The Poet," age 73, died on Friday, January 4, at Mercy Manor in Grayling.

Joseph was born in Frederic on September 23, 1928 to James Ray and Jennie Marie (Charron) Murphy. He married Carolyn M. Dittrich on November 15, 1949 in Frederic, at his parent's home.

Mr. Murphy lived in Crawford County all his life. He worked for the State of Michigan as a security/night watchman at Camp Grayling until his retirement.

He was a member of the Grayling Free Methodist Church, the Grayling Lions Club and the Grayling Masonic Lodge.

He loved to write poetry and he previously wrote a weekly column in the Avalanche. Mr. Murphy also loved to hunt and was an occasional fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and three brothers.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn, one daughter, Linda (Bernard) Bentley of Frederic, one son, Michael Murphy of Mancelona, two grandchildren, Lori (Craig) Reiner of Hale and David (Lisa) Bentley of Vanderbilt.

He also leaves behind four great-grandchildren and one sister, Beatrice Bice of Traverse City.

No services will be held at this time.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

John W. Bearss

July 31, 1952 - Dec. 26, 2001

John Wayne Bearss, age 49, died on Wednesday, December 26. He was born on July 31, 1952 in Holland, to Leo W. and Sarah (Sally)(Healy) Bearss.

Mr. Bearss served in the Army from April 1970 to November 1970, with service in Vietnam. He worked as a truck driver and was employed by Consumers Power as a meter reader and tree trimmer.

He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by two sons: Joseph and David of Traverse City; and three brothers: Pat (Toni) of Traverse City, Mike (Linda) of Grayling, and Bill (Lindy) of Charlevoix.

Services will be held later in the spring.

Arrangements were made by Covell Funeral Home of Traverse City.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

Welcome back! We hope to see all of you at our P.I.T. Meeting this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at GMS. We are planning a parent sponsored activity night this month so we really need your help!

January 7 - Girls and boys wrestling started on January 7. Practice will be 3:15 to 5 p.m.

January 14 - 18 - The 8th graders will be taking semester exams all week, so please make sure your 8th grader gets plenty of sleep and eats a good breakfast this week.

January 17 - Viking Band Boosters Meeting will be held at the Grayling High School at 7 p.m.

January 18 - Early dismissal starting at 11:40 a.m. at the high school.

Vera M. Farren

Oct. 19, 1917 - Jan. 3, 2002

Vera Mae Farren, age 84, of Grayling, died in her home on Thursday, January 3. She was born on October 19, 1917 in Huntington, Indiana to Samuel and Florence (Olinger) Bechtelheimer. She married David Charles Farren on July 10, 1934 in Milford. She has lived in Grayling since 1967, after moving here from Walled Lake.

Mrs. Farren worked with her husband for over 20 years as a well driller. They drilled many wells in the area. She also worked as a nurses aide in the health care industry.

She was a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, volunteered at the Senior Center, active in church work with the Sunday School, daycare, and for the lunches. She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts.

Her hobbies were gardening, crocheting, knitting, sewing, raising chickens, doing puzzles and reading.

She graduated through Adult Education from Grayling High School in 1994.

She was preceded in death by her father Samuel Bechtelheimer, on January 3, 1940, her mother Florence Olinger on May 3, 1970 and her husband David on March 12, 1979, one sister, Freda St. Martin, and three brothers: Howard, Edward and Charles Bechtelheimer.

Mrs. Farren is survived by two daughters: Donna (Paul) Farren-Carlson of Frederic, Carol (Jeffrey) Johnson, of Gaylord, six sons: Charles (Nancy) Farren of Davisburg, Arthur (Brenda) Farren of Commerce Township, Wayne (Claudia) Farren of Farmington Hills, Kenneth (Marilyn) Farren of Holly, William (Ollie) Farren of Fenton, and James (Jeanne) Farren of Grayling.

She leaves behind 20 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren with three more due in June and July, four great-great-grandchildren and another due in February. Also, one sister, Erma (Bill) Stahl of Mr. Vernon, Ohio.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 6, at Sorenson Funeral Home, with Reverend George Morse officiating. Burial is at Oakland Hills Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Beatrice E. Rowland

Oct. 16, 1921 - Jan. 2, 2002

Beatrice Elaine Rowland, 80, of Grayling, died on Wednesday, January 2, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

Mrs. Rowland was born on October 16, 1921 in Grayling, to Thorwald Peter and Gertrude Evelyn (Ross) Peterson. She married Harvey J. Rowland on October 28, 1944. She was a lifelong resident of Grayling.

Mrs. Rowland was a high school teacher for Crawford AuSable Schools before her retirement, and a member of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She was an avid stamp collector, played the violin, and appreciated all areas of wildlife. She also enjoyed all forms of events put on by the Crawford AuSable Community Cultural Events Program, and attended cultural events at Kirtland Community College.

Mrs. Rowland had served at one time as church secretary at Michelson Memorial Church and assisted at the Grayling Library under the guidance of Mrs. Gus Funk.

Mrs. Rowland is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Harvey; one daughter, Janet (James) Bentley of Goderich, Ontario; one son, James (Pattie) Rowland, of Yakima, Washington; and two grandchildren, Amanda and Michael Bentley of Goderich, Ontario.

She also leaves behind two sisters, Jean Gothro, of Grayling, and Virginia Martin, of Lansing.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 5, at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, with Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiating, and burial at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

The family requests that memorials be made to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church - Mortgage Fund and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Dennis M. Wilson

May 20, 1950 - Jan. 4, 2002

Dennis Michael Wilson, 51, of Grayling, died Friday, January 4 in his home. Services will be held Wednesday, January 9, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, Grayling.

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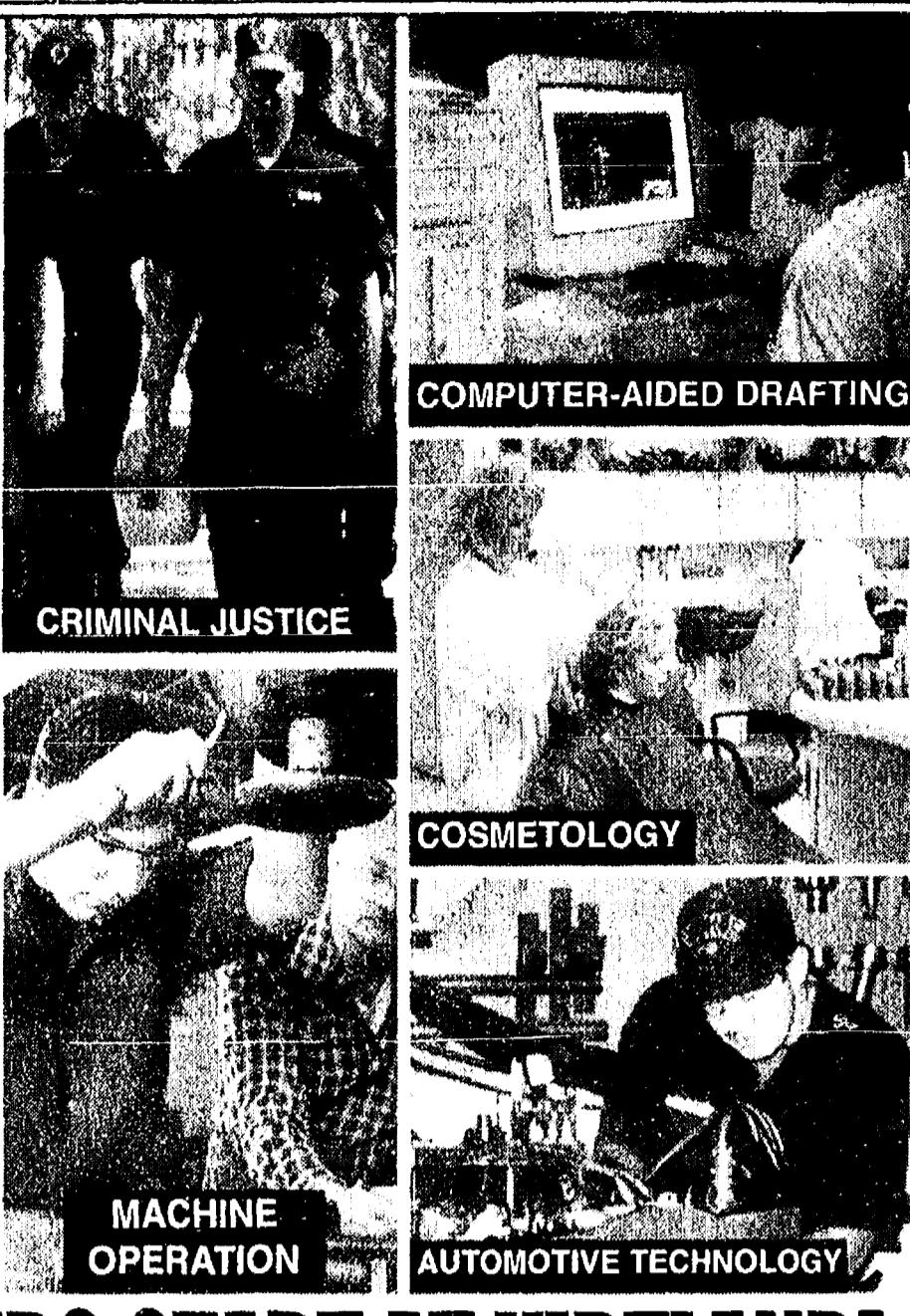
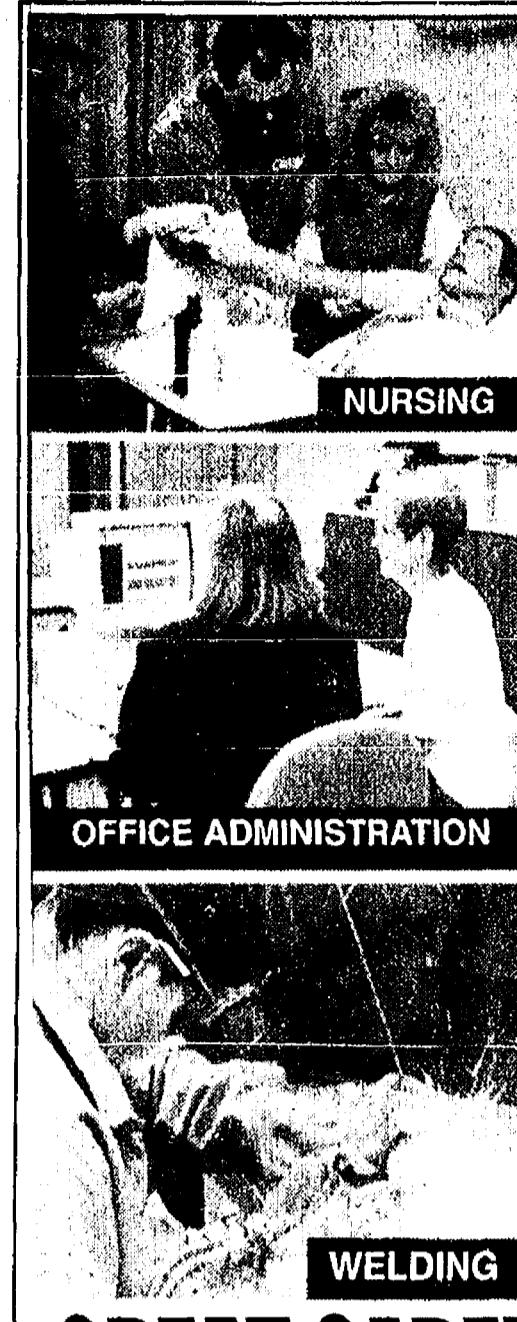
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Nursing students help Head Start kids



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Kirtland Community College nursing students Jessica Pausits (left) and Ken Greenlaw helped provide vision and hearing screening at the Head Start program in Roscommon on December 18 to youngsters like Dylan Thomas, age 4, of Higgins Lake.

U of M offers RN - BSN degree program in Traverse

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Free diabetes education classes offered by OMH

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord is offering free diabetes education classes beginning this month. Instruction is broken into five parts and will be held once a week for five weeks, skipping the week of February 11.

The program will be as follows:

January 21, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Part I - Introduction "The Basics;" learn about diabetes and how to live

with it; Diane Moulton, RN instructing.

January 28, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Part II - The "Nuts & Bolts" of Diabetes & Nutrition; learn about meal planning, carbohydrate counting and food exchanges; with Melissa Nensewitz, RD instructing. (Grocery store tour: On Wednesday, January 30 at 1 p.m., a guided store tour with OMH's Registered

Dietitian is being offered to those who have attended this class.)

February 4, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: Part III - Heart Disease: "What You Need to Know" with Tim Euler, RN and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Medications & Insulin: "How They Affect You" with Kay Hanna DeLuca, R.Ph.

February 18, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: Part IV - Exercise: "A Necessary Tool for Good Control;" and from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Foot Care: "Don't Take Anything for Granted" with Monica McClure, P.T. Assistant.

February 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Part V - More "Tidbits and Pearls" from the Dietitian & Final Wrap-Up Meeting with Melissa Nensewitz, R.D. (Participants have the opportunity to engage in more in-depth discussion with the registered dietitian

about meal planning and carbohydrate exchanges. This final session also involves an opportunity to obtain information about recipes and meal planning for special occasions as well as participant assessment.)

This program is intended for persons with diabetes, family members, friends and/or caregivers. Because class size is limited, OMH reserves the right to offer it to those who have not had the opportunity to attend in the past.

Anyone who has already attended but would like to repeat one or more of the sessions must call ahead. Class size will determine whether space is available.

Classes are held in the Otsego Memorial Hospital boardroom. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call 731-2193 to pre-register or for more information.

The next series of diabetes education classes will be offered by OMH in March, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., dates to be announced.

Ski resort plans Night of Remembrance

On Saturday, January 12, between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Skyline Ski and Country Club will host a Night of Remembrance, in honor of those affected by the tragedy of September 11, and our military, police, fire, and EMS.

Over a half of a mile of candles will be lit on Skyline Road and a candlelight ski parade will commence at 6 p.m. Local emergency services will also be on hand.

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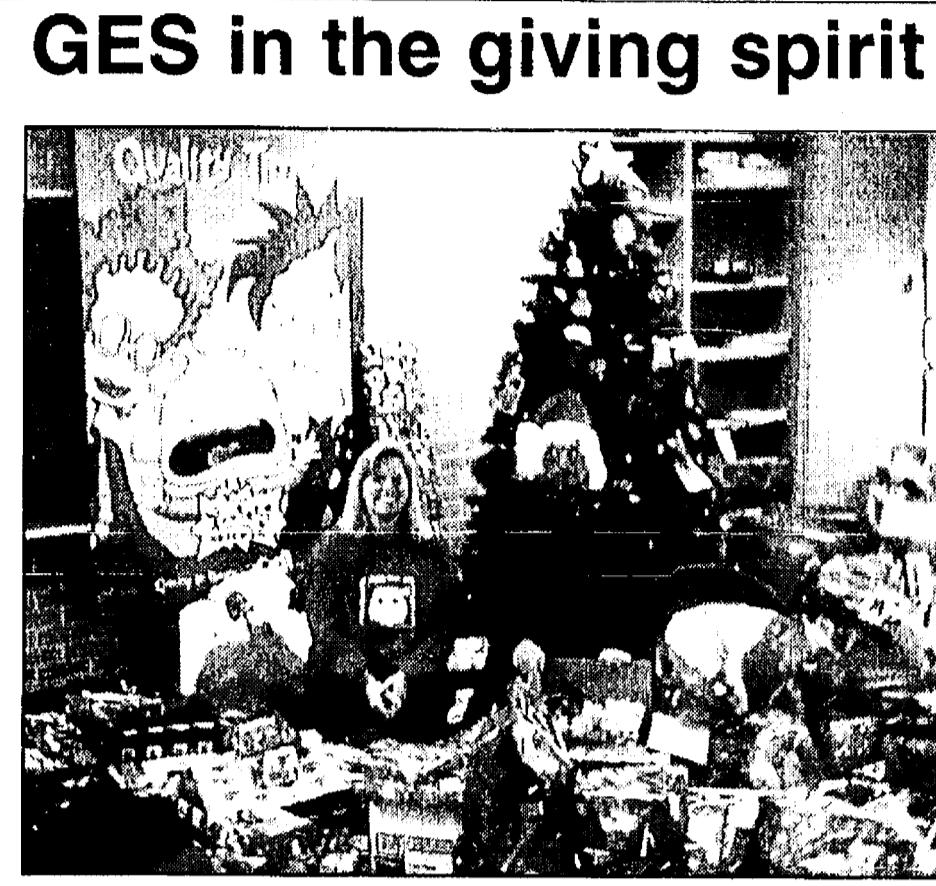
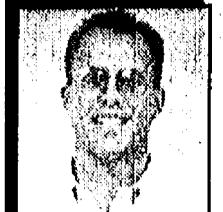


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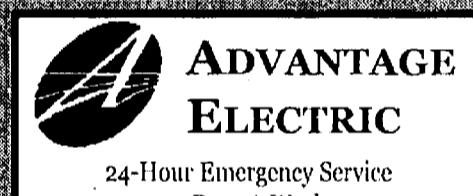
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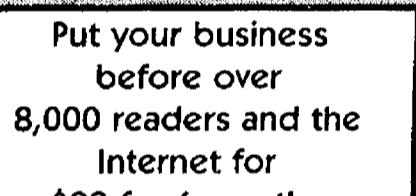


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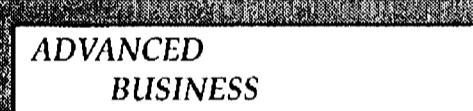
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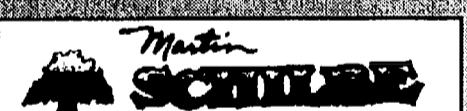
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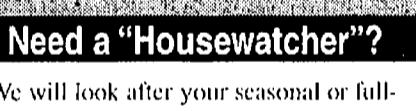
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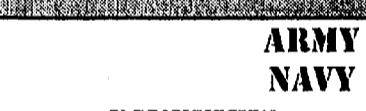
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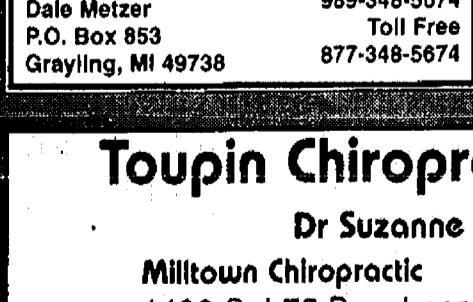
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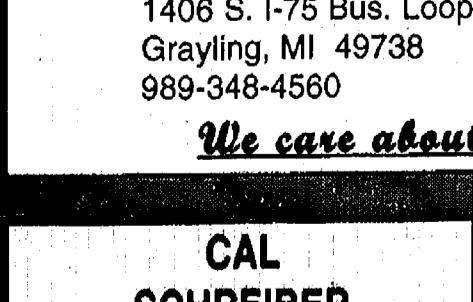
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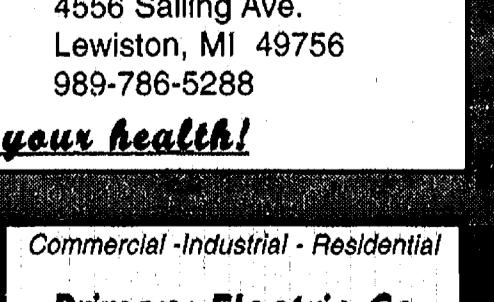


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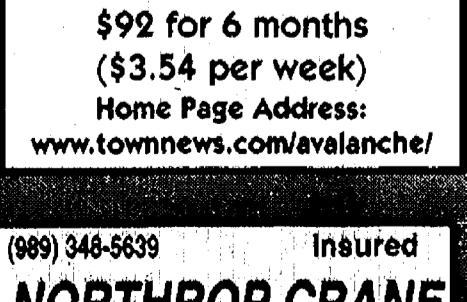
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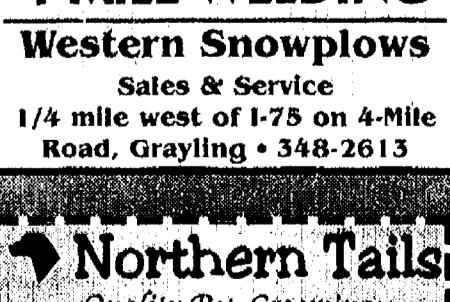
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'Challenge Mountain' ski races planned for this weekend

January 11-12, Boyne Mountain ski resort will host an event to benefit Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc. This tradition was developed many years ago (known as the Captain Morgan ski races) is limited to 250 participants. The entrance fee is \$5. The amount raised from entrance fees will be matched by a nationally-known business.

desire the organization's assistance. These are in addition to providing self-esteem, confidence, outdoor enjoyment and physical activity to those suffering from any physical disability or mental impairment.

Challenge Mountain is working diligently to add the scheduled sum-

mer programming which will include educational hiking trails, labeled foliage, and points of interest on the 160-acre site, located on Springbrook Road in Boyne City. Volunteers are helping create and mark hiking trails, including markers in Braille for the seeing

impaired.

Anyone interested in helping through volunteerism or financial donation may contact Executive Director Sue Moody at 535-2141 or write: Challenge Mountain of Walloon Hills, Inc., P.O. Box 735, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Band members honored for Halloween help



Photo courtesy of CASD Board of Education

Grayling High School Viking Band members were recognized recently by the Crawford AuSable Schools Board of Education for continuing the tradition of dressing up for Halloween and helping elementary students in Grayling and Frederic parade through their towns to the delight of many. Shown are Deb Rugenstein, Apryl Rugenstein, Alexis Sumner and Ann Hughes. Each received a special beverage mug from the board.

Hospice seeks volunteers, offers training in Gaylord

Hospice of Michigan is seeking volunteers with willing hands and hearts to provide support to the terminally ill and their families.

Anyone who would like to enhance the quality of life of a terminally ill patient and his or her family by providing a gentle touch, warm smile and listening ear, this is a good opportunity to do so.

Volunteers are needed to assist with patient care, bereavement, spiritual care and many other areas.

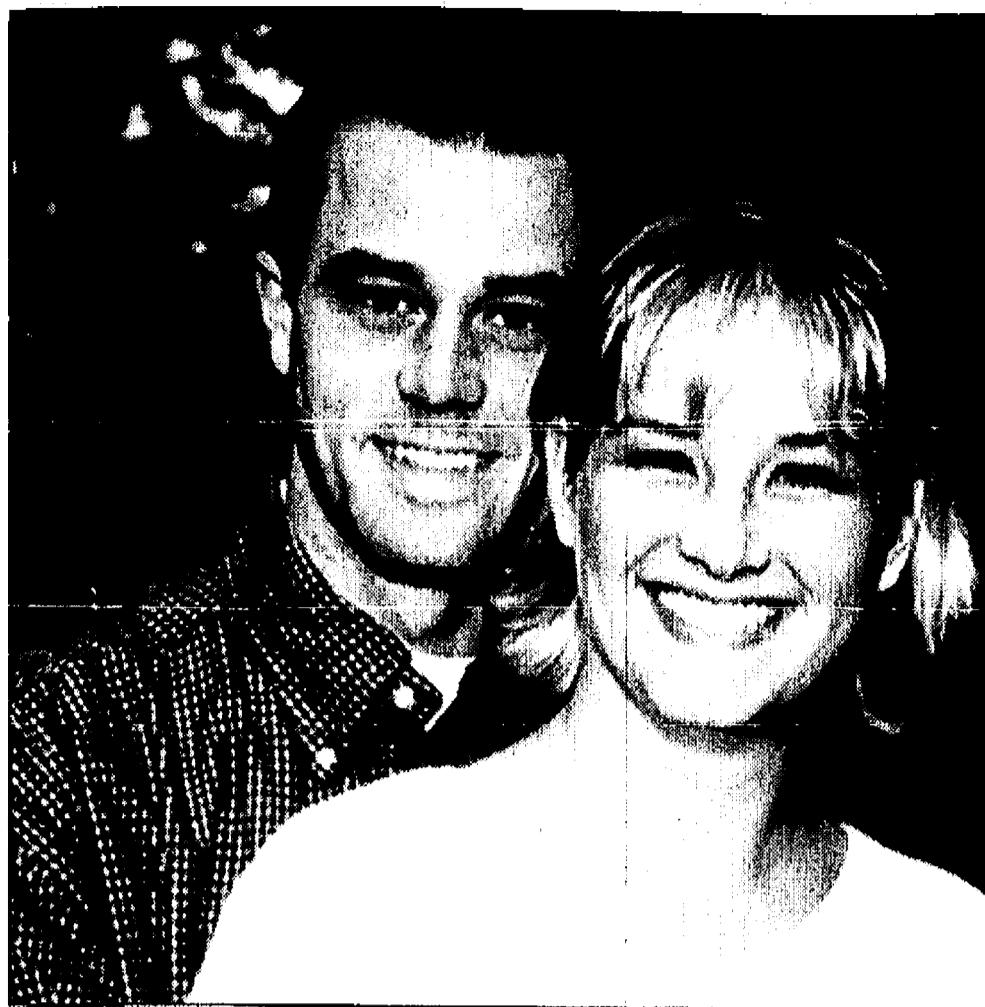
Hospice of Michigan values their

volunteers and provides them with all necessary training. Sessions include instruction on communication and listening skills, death and dying, grief issues and possible social work involvement.

Hospice training classes will begin Monday, February 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the office located at 810 S. Otsego Avenue, Suite 111, in Gaylord. The classes will run on Mondays and wednesdays for two weeks.

Please call Mary Weitzel at (989) 732-2151 or 1-800-449-5560 to register or for more information.

Trout, Hinkle engaged



Patrick Robert Trout and Erica Kate Hinkle

Rod and Wendy Hinkle announce the engagement of their daughter Erica Kate to Patrick Robert Trout of Grandville. Erica is employed at Land Rover of Grand Rapids as an Administrative Assistant and Patrick is Vice President of Auto-Pro Inc., of Grand Rapids. Patrick is the son of Dave and Vicki Trout of Hastings. An April 13 wedding is being planned.

MILITARY NEWS

Air Force Airman Silvio E. Pellegrini has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Air Force Airman

Silvio E. Pellegrini

and Silvana Miller, both of Grayling.

Pellegrini is a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School.

He is the son of Bart Pellegrini

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 109 complaints the period of December 28, 2001 - January 6, 2002: One EMS response, one hazardous situation, 26 traffic accidents, two non-traffic accidents, one parking violation, one traffic safety public appearance, one accident - fire, three accidents - all other, two school bus inspections, six property inspections, four civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, one lost & found property, 21 general non-criminal, three delinquent minors, one insanity, five false alarm activations, one kidnapping - other, one criminal sexual conduct/ sexual assault, one burglary/home invasion, one larceny, two damage to property, one damage to private property, two drug/narcotic violations, 11 public peace/disorderly, one operating under the influence of alcohol, two miscellaneous arrests, two driving violations/driving while license suspended, etc.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 114 complaints during the three week period of December 16, 2001 through January 5, 2002:

Three misdemeanor citations, five civil infraction citations, 10 traffic accidents, two private property accident, four traffic control complaints, three motorist assists, one felony arrest, three misdemeanor arrest,

three civil complaints, one domestic, one breaking and entering, 11 larcenies, 11 juvenile complaints, 12 assists to other departments, eight alarms, one fire investigation, three attempts to locate, two animal complaint, three disturbances, six suspicious situations, one purchase permit, and 20 unclassified complaints.

Fourteen traffic warnings were also issued.

YOUTH BOWLING

Senior League	07-23
Beach Bums	39-17
Surfer Dudes/Bikini Babe	31-25
Beached Whales	30-26
Extreme Heat	28-28
Life Guards	25-31
Thrasher Sharks	20-36
Tidal Waves	18-38
Hammerheads	16-40
Boys High Game: K. Roman, 192; J. Myers, 160; B. Calkins and T. Gildner, 154.	
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Girls High Game: B. Yaniello, 156; J. King, 153; S. Respecki, 136.	
Girls High Series: B. Yaniello, 462; J. King, 454; K. Davis, 381.	
Pee Wee League	
Shrimps	19-11
Snails	17-13
Star Fish	13-17

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Women's Standings	67
Sawmill II	120
Spikes	108
Swamp II	106
Frederic Inn	99
Legion	97
Holiday Inn	90
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Sawmill I	67
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Crawford County Library

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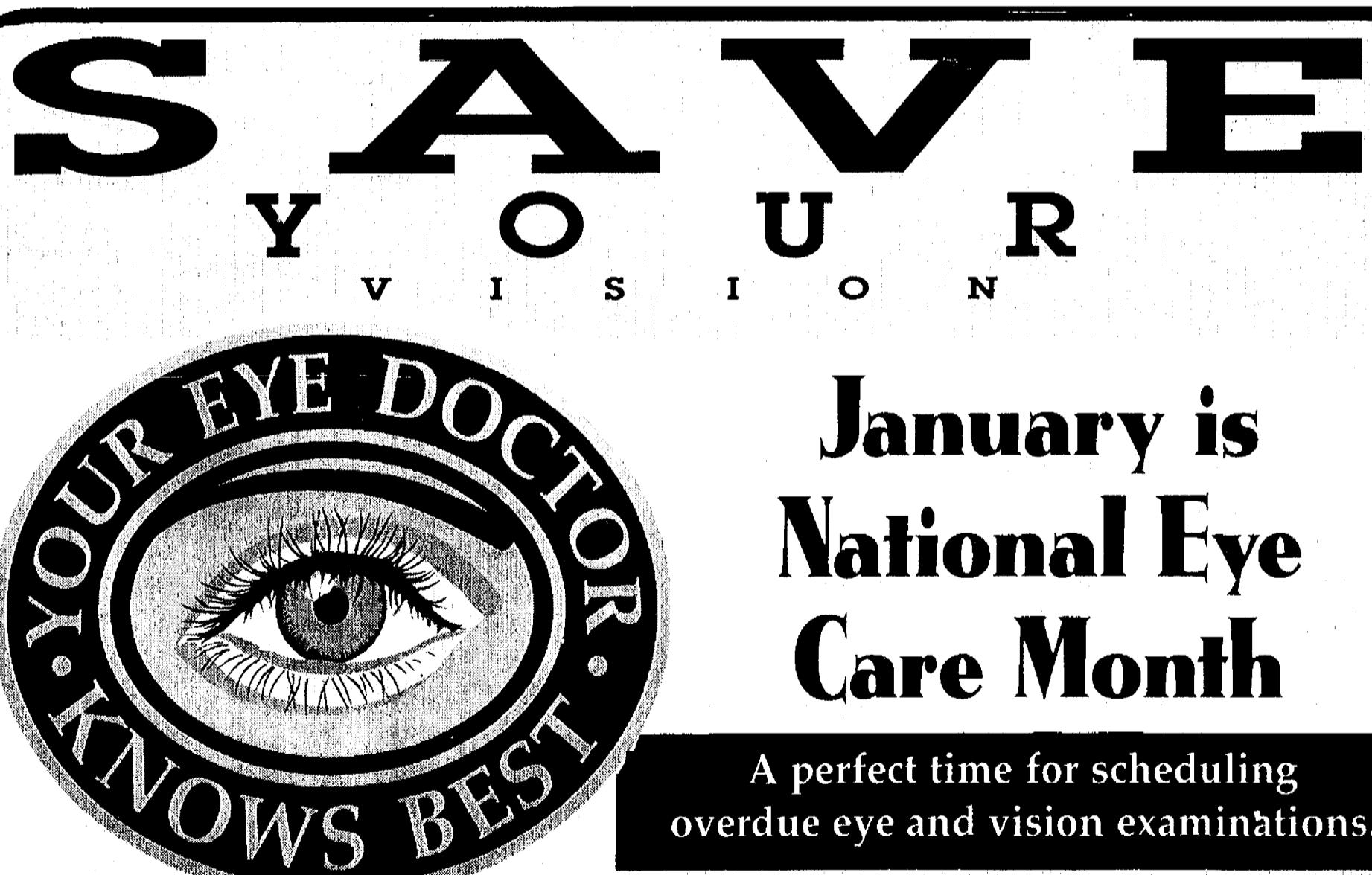
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VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Grayling Vikings 72, Gladwin Flying G's 63

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Grayling Vikings 55, Gladwin Flying G's 54

VIKINGS DEFEAT GLADWIN

Strong start helps lead to a league victory

► Varsity team starts strong and finishes strong in 72-63 win over G's

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School started strong and held on for a 72-63 win over Gladwin in a varsity basketball match in Grayling last Friday.

In the four games prior to the holiday break, the Vikings were slow to get started on the offensive end but posted strong second half efforts, leading to two come-from-behind wins and one near miss.

On Friday, the team's first game back after the break, Grayling got on the board early with 22 first quarter points. R.J. Schmidt scored 13 of his 29 points in the first period to help lead Grayling's offensive attack.

A three-point play by Larry Baynham and free throws by Scott Latusek and Schmidt put Grayling up 5-2.

Gladwin took the lead with an inside shot and a three-pointer.

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See "STRONG START..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

R.J. Schmidt takes an off balance shot in last Friday's game against the Flying G's of Gladwin. Schmidt had 29 points in the match.

JV team wins by one point

► Grayling defeats Gladwin 55-54 in squad's first game back after break

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity basketball team won its fifth consecutive game last week with a 55-54 victory over the visiting Flying G's of Gladwin in Grayling on Friday.

The match was Grayling's first after the holiday break.

The Vikings opened with a 6-0 run on a jump shot by Greg Morrill, two free throws by Roy Czapek, and a shot inside by Andy Strohpaul.

Grayling's offense got off track, committing several turnovers, and Gladwin scored 15 unanswered points through the remainder of the first quarter to lead 15-6 going into the second period.

An 11-2 run by Grayling tied the score at 17-17 with 6:21 left in the second quarter. The run included a put-back by Joe Zelek, a jumper by Strohpaul, a three-point play by

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See "JV TEAM..."

Hanson Hills opens for the winter

Lack of snow thwarts first opener

► GRA celebrates 25th year of running local winter sports facility

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park recently opened its slopes and trails, after a slow start to winter stalled an earlier attempt at starting the 2001-02 winter season.

The park opened for the season on Saturday, December 29. Hanson Hills had opened earlier, after the first major snowfall and cold spell in December, but was forced to close again due to insufficient snow base.

Prior to this winter, Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA), a government consortium created in 1976 to run Hanson Hills on a non-profit basis, added a few new lifts to Hanson Hills slopes and accomplished other site improvements.

GRA, which is in its 25th year of operating Hanson Hills Recreation Area, also runs the Grayling Fish Hatchery, the Hanson Hills Indoor Skate Park, and several sports programs for youth and adults.

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See "HANSON HILLS..."



Photo by Caleb Casey

Ryan Stahl (left) and Derek Gregorich test drive the Hanson Hills tubing run last week. Grayling Recreation Authority added a rope lift to the tubing run just prior to this winter, so tubers now have an easy trip up the hill.

Ski races to be held at Hanson Hills

► Local sports park to host Michigan Cup Marathon, HH Classical races

The annual Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Challenge Classical cross country ski races will be held on Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13, at Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park in Grayling.

About 300 athletes come to Grayling to compete in this annual Michigan Cup Series race.

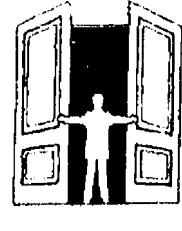
Saturday's Michigan Cup Marathon is a 30km freestyle race through scenic, hilly terrain. Fifteen kilometer races for women and junior divisions will be held on different courses. Registration for the Michigan Cup Marathon races will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Saturday morning. Races begin at 10 a.m. with mass starts. Entry fees are \$25 for adults, and \$10 for juniors.

The Hanson Hills Classical races will be held on Sunday. Registration will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The races start at 10 a.m. behind the Continued on Page 3B

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Students are required to be employed and also perform community service hours as part of the curriculum.

Crawford AuSable Literacy Network

Currently housed at the St. Mary's Adult Learning Center, this network of community volunteer tutors provides assistance to basic education students. At present 6 tutors meet with students on a one-on-one basis. Gary Barrow can be contacted at 344-3525.

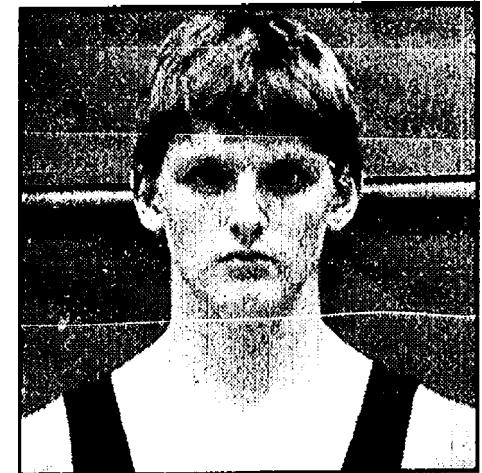
GHS wrestler reaches 100th win

► Senior Andy Palmer posts 100th career high school wrestling victory

Grayling High School wrestler Andy Palmer recently reached the 100 career win milestone, posting his 100th high school wrestling victory at the Mason County Invitational Tournament

in December. Palmer, a senior, is in his fourth year of varsity wrestling at GHS. He posted a 21-22 record in his freshman season, he was 41-16 in his sophomore year, 31-17 last year, and 17-3 so far this season for a total career tally of 110-58.

Palmer has a chance to break Grayling High School's record for career pins this year. He needs 18 more pins.



Andy Palmer

Wrestling team falls to Bucks, G's

► Vikings lose close battles with Roscommon and Gladwin at GHS

The Grayling High School wrestling team lost to the Flying G's of Gladwin and the Bucks of Roscommon in a recent dual meet in Grayling.

First, Gladwin and Roscommon took the mats for a hard-fought battle that had to be decided by tiebreaker. Gladwin had the edge in the tiebreaker, and got the win following the competition, which yielded a 40-40 score.

Grayling then faced Gladwin in a match that was close until the G's pulled away late by winning the last three weight classes by pin.

Andy Palmer, wrestling in the 130-pound division, posted a first-round pin to put Grayling up 6-0. Gladwin won the next three matches by pin to take an 18-6 lead.

Dusty Partello (152) pinned his opponent in the second round to pull the Vikings within six, 18-12. Gladwin won the next match by decision to pick up three more team points.

Brandon Pratt, 171, scored a pin in the first round to cut Gladwin's lead to three, 21-18. Gladwin won the 189-pound division to take a nine-point lead.

Aaron Rosecrans won by pin in the second round of the 215-pound weight class to pull Grayling back within three.

The Vikings had to forfeit the 275-pound division, and again trailed by nine.

At 103, Brady Ward won his match for Grayling by pin in the first round to cut Gladwin's lead back down to three. The G's then won the last three weight classes to win the meet 51-30.

The Vikings then lost a close match with Roscommon 43-33 to end the evening's wrestling action.

Roscommon won the first two

weight classes by decision to take a 7-0 lead.

In the 140-pound division, Tom Barnett won by pin in the first round to pull Grayling within one, 7-6.

The Bucks took the 145-pound class, then Partello won the 152-pound division by decision 8-4. Grayling trailed 13-9.

Darryl Babbitt (165) gave Grayling a 15-13 lead with a first-round pin. Pratt (171) and Greg Warren (189) won by forfeit to give the Vikings a 27-13 advantage.

The Bucks won the 215-pound division (by pin) and the 275-pound class (by forfeit) to pull within two.

Ward (103) won by forfeit, giving the Vikings a 33-25 lead with three weight classes yet to wrestle.

Roscommon won the final three matches to take the meet 43-33.

The Vikings will resume their wrestling season on Thursday, January 10, with a meet against Ogemaw Heights and Standish Sterling Central in Grayling at 6 p.m.

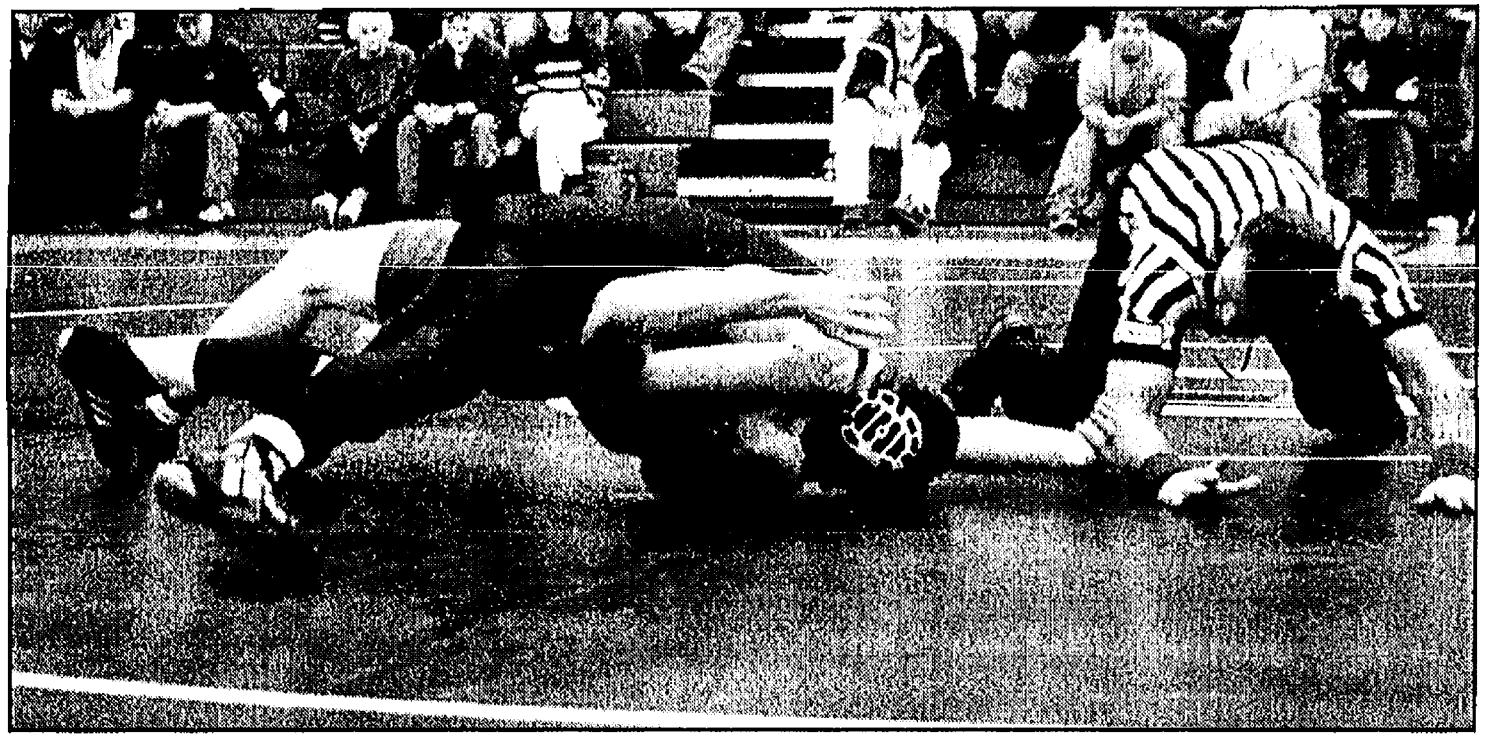


Photo by Caleb Casey

Brandon Pratt goes for a first round pin against a Gladwin opponent.

Hanson Hills opens for the winter

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GRA is funded through a millage and user fees in a ratio of about 50/50, GRA Director Cindy Olson said.

The many improvements conducted late last year have been part of GRA's five-year plan for several years, Olson said, and were "way overdue. They needed to be done. We're lucky it worked out."

Several factors helped free up the necessary funds for the project, Olson explained. GRA paid off one of its groomers this year, and donations from Charlie Fick's 2nd

Annual Truck Show and Grayling Township provided additional revenue to help with the improvements.

GRA purchased a 4X4 tractor, which the organization will use for maintenance all year long, Olson said. Two new snow guns were purchased to help supplement the natural snowfall and keep slopes in good shape for skiing, and a new roof was installed on the Hanson Hills lodge. A storage building located between the Bunny Hill and The Bear has been remodeled and will now serve as GRA's ski school facility.

Also, a new lift was put in at the Bunny Hill, and the rope tow at The Bear has been upgraded.

GRA also added a lift to the Hanson Hills tubing run, which means tubers no longer have to lug their tubes up the hill.



The Hanson Hills Winter Sports Park Tubing Lift

"We got a lot done," Olson said. GRA celebrated its 25th year of stewardship at Hanson Hills with a party and raffle on New Year's Day.

Hanson Hills, located on Old Lake Road in Grayling Township, has 35 km of cross country ski trail in addition to its several ski runs, sledding hills, and tubing run.

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JV team wins by one point

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Chad Helsel, a lay-up by Strohpaul, and two free throws by Strohpaul.

Gladwin scored eight unanswered points to lead 25-17.

A put-back by Czapek, a three-point shot by Travis Gildner, and two free throws by Czapek pulled Grayling within three, 27-24.

Gladwin outscored the Vikings 8-4 in the last two minutes of the second quarter to lead 35-28 at half-time.

The Vikings outscored the G's 12-6 in the third period to cut Gladwin's advantage to one heading into the fourth quarter.

Grayling scored third period points on a free throw by Czapek, a triple by Helsel, a lay-up by Strohpaul, a drive by Czapek, a shot inside by Zelek, and a put-back by Zelek.

Gladwin hit the first shot of the fourth quarter to go up by three. A put-back by Morrill at the 5:55 mark pulled the Vikings back within one. Two free throws by the G's extended their edge back to three.

A fast break lay-up by Strohpaul on a pass from Czapek cut the Gladwin lead to one. A free throw by Czapek tied the game at 45-45 with four minutes left in regulation. A free throw by Helsel gave the Vikings their first lead since early in the first period.

Gladwin scored two free throws and a two-point bucket to take a three-point lead. A jump shot by Gildner pulled Grayling within one, 49-48, with 3:13 left to play.

Three free throws by Gladwin (on eight attempts) gave the G's a 52-48 lead with 2:05 remaining.

Gildner scored a put-back at the 1:50 mark to pull the Vikings within two.

With 1:33 left in the game, the Vikings put Gladwin on the free throw line. The G's made the first shot but missed the second. Gladwin rebounded the ball, but Helsel got a steal and passed the ball upcourt. Gladwin fouled, but the Vikings failed to convert the free throws.

Helsel posted another steal, Gladwin fouled the Grayling ball carrier, and the Vikings again missed both free throws. Strohpaul scored a put-back on the second free throw miss to pull Grayling within one, 53-52.

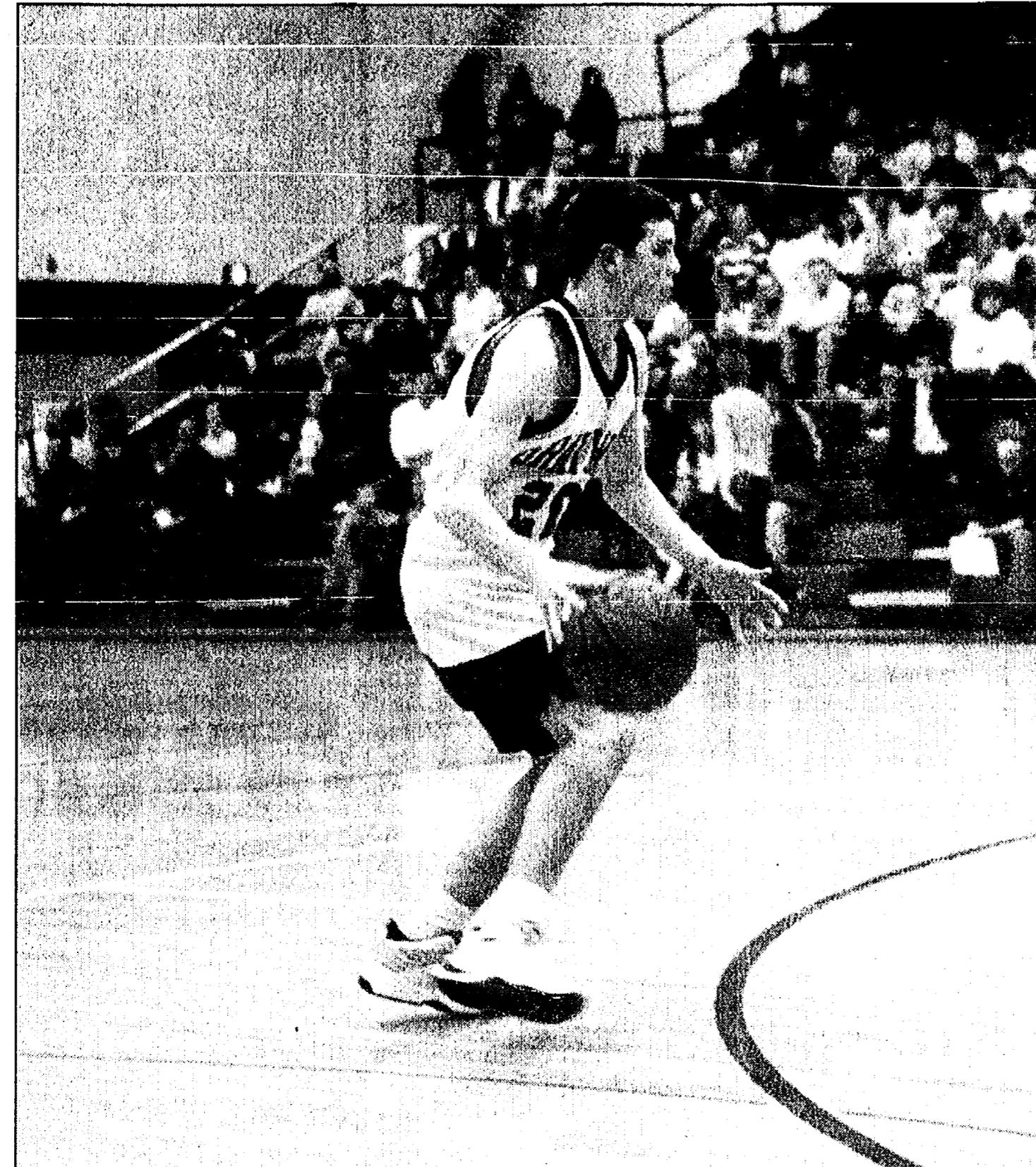


Photo by Caleb Casey

Andy Strohpaul handles the ball at the perimeter for Grayling in last Friday's game against Gladwin. Strohpaul scored 18 points in the contest.

Grayling mounted strong defensive pressure, and Gladwin turned the ball over. Strohpaul connected on a jump shot with 21 seconds left in the fourth quarter to give Grayling a 54-53 edge.

On Gladwin's next possession, Strohpaul posted a deflection and Calub Mead snagged the loose ball, the Vikings called time-out with 12 seconds left on the clock.

The Vikings got the ball in bounds and Gladwin fouled to stop the clock. Gildner hit one of two at the line to give Grayling a 55-53 lead with nine seconds remaining.

The Vikings fouled Gladwin on a

drive to the basket. The G's made the first free throw to pull within one, then missed the second shot. After a battle for the ball underneath following the miss, Grayling came away with the ball.

The leading scorer for Grayling in the match was Strohpaul with 18 points. Czapek finished with 12 points.

The Vikings play at West Branch on Friday, January 11. On Tuesday, January 15, Grayling will play at Houghton Lake.

Missed opportunities at the free throw line hurt both team's chances in the match. Grayling shot 46 percent for the game (13/28), 9 for 11 in the first half and 4 of 17 in the second. Gladwin finished at 54 percent (20/37), 11 for 17 in the first half and 9 of 20 in the last 16 minutes.

The Vikings ski at Treetops on Thursday, January 10, in a league meet vs. Roscommon.

Ski team opens season with invitational

► Vikings place 4th and 5th against tough competition at Gaylord meet

Grayling High School's ski team competed in its first meet of the season, the Gaylord Invitational at Treetops, last Friday.

The invitational meet featured four Class A teams ranked in the top ten of the coaches poll this year. Lake Orion's boys and Gaylord's girls showed why they should be ranked, defeating 11 girls teams and 13 boys teams.

Grayling's girls placed 4th at Treetops. The Vikings were led by Kelly Jansen, who placed 5th in slalom and 10th in giant slalom (GS). Andria Alvarez placed 12th and 16th, Lesley Gilbert finished 21st and 26th, Heather Vandecar was 25th and 30th, Kassie McClain was 25th and 30th, Kassie McClain was 25th and 30th.

"Our skiing was very inconsistent but without snow to work on early, we didn't ski as solid as we will the next meet," said Coach Mike Wieland. "Seven of our racers are freshmen and they are going to con-

tribute a lot before the year is over."

The Vikings ski at Treetops on Thursday, January 10, in a league meet vs. Roscommon.

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Vikings of the Week



Skiing
Coach: Mike Wieland
KELLY JANSEN & BEN MCINALLY

Jansen led Grayling's girls team with a 5th place finish in slalom and a 10th in giant slalom at the Gaylord Invitational. McInally placed 10th and 24th for the boys team at Gaylord.

Ski races to be held at Hanson Hills

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Little Smokey cross country facility. Adults will race a 12km course, and juniors will race 6km. Entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$8 for juniors.

The Hanson Hills Classical event will also include a children's race (12 and under) at 11:30 a.m. on

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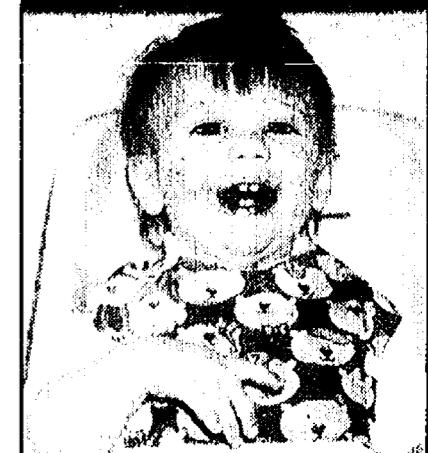
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Strong start helps lead to a league victory

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An 11-2 run by Grayling over the course of the next three minutes gave the Vikings a 16-9 advantage. The run included two triples and a drive by Schmidt, a put-back by Nate Frankina, and a free throw by Nick D'Amour.

A drive and two free throws by Schmidt and a shot inside by Wes Fox put the Vikings up 22-13 by the end of the first quarter.

Grayling edged Gladwin 18-17 in the second quarter to take a 40-32 halftime lead. The Vikings scored second period points on (in order) a shot inside by Baynham, a triple by Latusek, a reverse lay-up and two free throws by Schmidt, a free throw and a put-back by Ryan Swope, a lay-up by Baynham, a reverse lay-up by Schmidt on a long pass by Baynham, and a shot inside by Swope.

A bucket by Swope and a triple by Latusek put the Vikings up by 11, 45-34. Gladwin scored a basket to pull within nine. A free throw by Joe Lange put the Vikings up by 10.

A free throw by Frankina and a jump shot by Schmidt put Grayling's lead back to 11, 49-38. Gladwin outscored Grayling 7-2 in the last 3:00 of the third quarter to cut Grayling's lead to six, 51-45.

going into the fourth quarter.

The Vikings scored the first points of the fourth quarter on a jump shot by Latusek. Gladwin scored three unanswered baskets to pull the G's within two. Two free throws by Gib Tobin and a jump shot by Schmidt put the Vikings up by six with 4:11 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Gladwin connected on a shot inside to pull within four. A triple by Schmidt, two free throws by D'Amour, and a shot inside by Baynham on an in-bounds pass by D'Amour extended Grayling's lead to nine with 3:10 left on the clock.

Gladwin hit a three-pointer, stole the ball, and went in for a lay-up to cut Grayling's lead down to six.

Grayling responded with a shot inside by Swope on an assist from Schmidt. D'Amour stole the ball on Gladwin's next possession and drove to the basket for a quick two, giving the Vikings a 68-58 lead with just over two minutes to play.

The Vikings stayed in control from there, and held on for the 72-63 conference win. The victory improved Grayling's records to 3-2 (overall) and 2-1 (league). Grayling is tied with Standish and Tawas for second place in the conference behind 3-0 Oscoda.

Schmidt was the scoring leader



Photo by Caleb Casey

Scott Latusek brings the ball up for Grayling against Gladwin on Friday.

for Grayling with 29 points. He is averaging 26.4 points over the course of five games. Baynham scored 10 for the Vikings, and Latusek and Swope each finished with nine. Nine Vikings had points in the match overall.

Swope and Baynham were the leading rebounders for Grayling with 15 and 10 boards, respectively. D'Amour finished with six assists and five steals.

"We played well in spurts tonight for being off since December 14," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I was pleased with our effort."

The varsity team will play at West Branch Ogemaw Heights on Friday, January 11. On Tuesday, January 15, the team will play at Houghton Lake.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

LIVONIA -- Marcus Jordan and Randy Thomas each scored 26 points Saturday to power Wilbur Wright College to a 93-77 victory over Kirtland Community College in the first round of tournament action.

Reuben Edwards led the Firebirds with 22 points while Monte Tucker and Andy Topic each scored 13. Kirtland fell to 7-5. Wilbur Wright improved to 9-6.

LIVONIA -- Reuben Edwards scored 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Sunday to power Kirtland Community College to a 93-81 victory over George Brown College in the consolation match of a holiday tournament.

Monte Tucker had 24 points and nine rebounds for Kirtland, while Jake Milarch scored 13 and Dmitry Popov contributed 12. The Firebirds improved to 8-5.

Dion Horsford scored 24 points and Michael Hyles had 22 for George Brown, 11-9.

ROSCOMMON -- After a roller-coaster ride through the first half of the season, the Kirtland Community College men's team knows it's time

to get serious.

In their first official season in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, the Firebirds have every intention of playing for a league title.

"It's certainly a reasonable goal," said Coach Glen Donahue, whose team is 8-5 after a third-place finish in a holiday tournament at Schoolcraft on the last weekend of the year. Missing two starters because of the holiday break, the Firebirds lost to Wilbur Wright before rebounding to beat George Brown College, 93-81, in the consolation game. That snapped a two-game losing skid.

"We've got a lot of talent, but we haven't had any kind of consistency," Donahue said. "We certainly know we have to do a better job in the defensive end to be a champion."

That's abundantly clear in the numbers. While the Firebirds ranked second among the MCCAAs 18 teams in scoring with an 89.4 average, they were 15th in defense, allowing an average of 79.1 points per game. In other words, this is a team capable of generating some excitement at both ends of the floor.

Among the league's most exciting players is Kirtland's Monte Tucker, a sophomore co-captain from Detroit Redford. MCCA statistics show Tucker second in the league in scoring with an average of 23.9 points per game and sixth in rebounds with an average of 9.7.

Other notable performances: Sophomore point guard Mario Collins was first in steals per game with an average of 4.22 per game and second in assists with an average of 7.22; and freshman Reuben Edwards, ranked 17th in scoring with an average of 14 points.

Also noteworthy: 6-foot-11 sophomore center Alvaidas Gedminas should learn soon whether he can start walking on the foot he broke in a preseason practice. His status for the remainder of the season remains uncertain.

Womens Team

ROSCOMMON -- It took Kirtland's Lady Firebirds just 12 games to match their entire victory total from all last season, but they know their job is only just beginning.

Halfway through their second official season, they begin conference play Saturday at Mott with a 7-6 record after strong start that ended Kirtland's reputation as a pushover in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

Led by sophomore co-captain Hannah Miller, the Lady Firebirds, strength is three-point shooting. They enter league play third among the 18 teams in three-point field goal percentage, hitting 52 of 142 shots for a .366 success rate.

A Mio High School product, Miller ranked eighth in the league with a .380 percentage, hitting 27 of 71 shots from beyond the arc. Sophomore Brandi Bates, from Skeels, was 16th in league scoring with an average of 13.8 points per game. Freshman guard Amy Jordan, from Tawas, was ninth in assists, averaging 4.36 per game. And freshman center Jillian Schultz was tied for 17th in rebounding with eight per game.

Like the men, the women play a 13-game conference schedule. Both teams open league play at home against St. Clair on Jan. 16 at the CRAF Center in Roscommon.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Friday Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair . . . 12-4
Chicken Little Joint Project 10-6
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Fick & Sons 9-7
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Double Trouble 6-10
NewlyWeds 5-11
Aunt Bettys 4-12
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High Series Men: JC. King, 577; D.

Canfield, 576; R. Moshier, 491.
High Game Women: L. Hanson, 217; M. Moshier, 205; K. Moshier, 191.

High Series Women: M. Moshier, 536; K. Moshier, 515; J. Hinds, 514.

Recreation

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Peterson Saw Service 7-5
Chicken Little Joint Project 6-6
Woody Girls' 6-6
Gale Enterprises 5-7
Glens' Market 3-9
High Series: K. Moshier, 561; V. Balmes, 527; L. Dollar, 517.

High Game: K. Moshier, 233; L. Hanson, 198; P. Terry, 183.

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Grayling Pharmacy 38 1/2 25 1/2
Buccillis Pizza 35-29
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High Game Men: B. Hollis, 199; K. Harris, 188; O. Brantley, 179.

High Series Men: K. Harris, 490; G. Wolfe, 487; O. Brantley, 485.

High Game Women: R. Joyce, 172; A. Payne, 168; P. Harris and D. Hollis, 158.

High Series Women: R. Joyce, 467; D. Hollis, 457; P. Harris, 450.

Northwood

Hart Pontiac-GMC 7-1
Corky's Karaoke 6-2

R. Calkins and Sons. 5-3

Riverland 4-4

Hometown. 4-4

R & M Masonry. 3-5

North Michigan Financial 2-6

Plaza Bar. 1-7

High Game: M. Rock, 201; S. Romain, 184; M. Miller, 179.

High Series: M. Miller, 510; M. Rock, 505; L. Dannenberg, 491.

Sunday Nite Mixed

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Helsel Brothers 5-9

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Men's High Game: R. Akinson, 235; S. Peterson, 199; T. Herblet.

Men's High Series: R. Akinson, 602; T. Herblet, 559; S. Miller, 523.

Women's High Game: M. Miller, 220; K. Moshier, 184; S. Romain, 180.

Women's High Series: M. Miller, 575; S. Johnson, 496; K. Moshier, 485.

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Grayling to host men's basketball tournament

► Deadline to register for 5 on 5 tourney is Thursday, January 24

A two-day, double elimination 5 on 5 men's basketball tournament is currently being organized for February 2 and 3 in Grayling.

The tournament, for any northern Michigan ball players over the age of 18 not playing college basketball, will be held at the Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School gymnasiums starting on Saturday, February 2.

The cost to enter is \$120 per team. Cost includes tournament T-shirts and trophies for the winners. Deadline for registration is Thursday, January 24, and there is a maximum of 12 teams for the event.

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SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Special Board Meeting of December 13, 2001

The Special meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Scott

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be advised the time for the regular Board meeting scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2002, has been changed from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m., at the Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI (989) 275-8878.

Sharon Hartman, Clerk

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Renovation of existing bathroom at Village Hall, 214 S. Main Street, Roscommon.

Specifications for bids can be obtained at Village Hall, 214 S. Main Street, Roscommon, during normal business hours, 8 am to 4 pm, weekdays.

Written quotes can be dropped at the Village Hall or can be mailed to the Village of Roscommon, P.O. Box 236, Roscommon, MI 48653.

Quotes will be accepted until contract awarded.

LARRY GATLIN - ACOUSTIC



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by JOSEPH G. SWANIC and MARY SWANIC, husband and wife, of 205 Park St., Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, Mortgagors, to RESOURCE ONE MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated the 17th of December, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of January, 2000 in Liber 519, Crawford County Records, Page 603, said mortgage now held by FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF DELAWARE, by merger with FIRST UNION HOME EQUITY BANK, N.A., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Seven & 09/100 (\$39,827.09), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on

NOTICE OF SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the condition of certain mortgage made on the 30th day of March, 1998, by Michael A. Moshier and Wassana Tomeczak, to Northwestern Savings Bank & Trust, and recorded on April 2, 1998 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, in Liber 450, Page 378, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FIFTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 34/100 (\$53,719.34) DOLLARS, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

Bidders are urged to bid on various sizes and styles. Bidders are urged to quote on other types of blades, i.e., 5/8" & 3/4" thickness, other cross-selections, etc. Please bid prices delivered to the Grayling garage. Delivery within thirty (30) days unless otherwise specified. Prices shall be good for One (1) year after the date of award of bid.

The Board reserves the right to add or delete quantities, to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive Informalities in bidding and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2002

DATE	STARTING TIME	PLACE
January 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
February 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
March 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
April 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
May 16	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
June 20	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake
July 18	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
August 15	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
September 19	7:00 p.m.	R.O.C.C., Inc. 11051 N. Cut Road, Pioneer Hills, Roscommon
October 17	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 204 Meadows Drive, Grayling
November 21	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 527 Cobbs Street, Cadillac
December 19	7:00 p.m.	North Central Community Mental Health 2715 Townline Road, Houghton Lake

All Board Meetings are open to the Public. If any person with a disability needs accommodations, please call the Director's Office three days prior to the posted meeting date.

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

January 11, 1979

County Commissioners took their oath of office in a special ceremony held at the County Building this past Monday morning. At an organizational meeting, held shortly thereafter, Larry Mattis was elected Commissioner Chairman, and Jackie Bonkowski was elected as Vice-Chairperson. Taking their oath of office from County Clerk, Leo Lovely are John B. Miller, Larry Mattis, Claude Halstead, Matt Bidvia, Jackie Bonkowski, Jeannette Kitchen, Andy Neilson and Gloria Kraus, who was recently elected to serve a term on the County Road Commission.

Grayling Hanson Hills Sports Park will be the site of the first C.O.O.R. Winter Special Olympics. The games, which are expected to attract over 200 special education students from the C.O.O.R. area, will be held January 24. The athletes will compete in events such as: downhill and cross country skiing, toboggan races, snowshoe racing, snowball throwing and a snowman building contest. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place finishes. In addition, each participant will also receive a ribbon. The equipment for the skiing events is being donated by Hanson Hills. Also, the Hanson Hills ski patrol will assist the competitors in the skiing contests.

W.G.R.Y. Station manager Pete Allen reported a "holdup" at the radio station last Thursday. Pete presented a \$50 check to Corky

Hellebuyck, who correctly identified the serial number of the bill, which fell victim in last week's \$50 WGRY Station Hold-Up. The contest (with another \$50 bill involved, of course) is continuing this week.

46 Years Ago

January 12, 1956

Four members of the Central Michigan College gymnastic team, with many other members of both the men's and women's gymnastics team will put on an exhibition in the new Grayling High gymnasium on Wednesday night, January 18. The performance is being sponsored by the Grayling Varsity Club and is for the benefit of a fund to purchase new glass backboards for basketball in the new gym. This fine exhibition which has brought cheers all over Michigan will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets for adults have been priced at 50 cents each.

Five high officers of the Michigan National Guard met with a fifteen man representative committee of Grayling and Crawford County at Shoppenagons Inn last Saturday. Discussions were held on such subjects as troop behavior, traffic problems, forest fire control and the use of Camp Grayling by National Guard units from other states.

Announcement has just been made by the Union Telephone Co. of the establishment on January 1st of the 9th District in its organization structure. This new district will have its headquarters in Roscommon where a new central

office building is currently under construction. The 9th district will be comprised of the telephone exchanges located at Fairview, Mio, Vanderbilt, Gaylord, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Prudenville and Roscommon.

69 Years Ago

January 12, 1933

Pictures of the Rose Bowl floral parade and of the Southern California football game were shown at the Rialto Theatre here on the Sunday following, less than a week after the event occurred. That's going some.

Some of the young fellows about town have organized a club, and have rented as their club house, the Taylor building, which is located between the Burrows Meat Market and the American Legion Hall. They are having the inside of the building redecorated and will have it equipped with card and ping pong tables. This will make a nice recreation hall for the young men and will make something to keep them busy.

After marking the time for half the game, to the accompaniment of a lot of waste motion, Grayling High School's Northern Lights put on enough steam to ride through to a 26-15 victory over Roscommon in an uninspired ball game Tuesday night. The Grayling Reserves achieved a 19-7 win from the Roscommon Reserves as a curtain raiser.

Business as may be in an unusual state of affairs, but the basketball situation is normal, which is only another way of saying that Grayling found Gaylord unbeatable on their own floor last Friday night, and lost

by a 23-16 count. The game was not particularly inspiring in any respect, and just to make it unanimous, the Reserves also expired and went down to a 16-4 defeat. The stage being set for a big revenge battle here on February 10.

Crawford County will get about \$35,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for use in road building here this winter. This money may be used for state and federal highways only. Of course there will be rush for jobs, but we suggest that our own county residents who reside here continually be given preference over those who have come here from other places. Our home people should get first consideration.

92 Years Ago

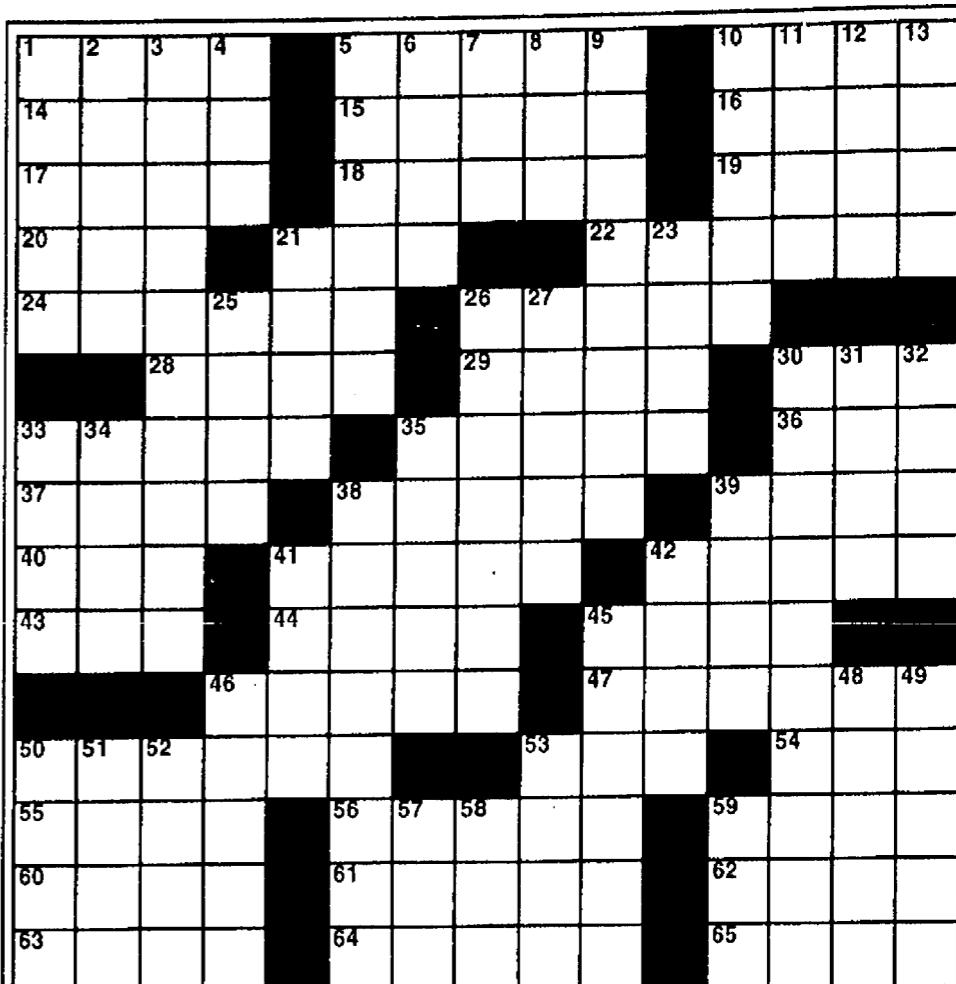
January 13, 1910

President Taft is heartily in favor of the plan to raise the battle ship Maine from the bottom of Havannah Harbor and to suitably inter the sailors who went down with the ship. The President has informed Congressman Loud of Michigan that he desired to see the latter's bill, appropriating money for this purpose, enacted into a law.

West Branch has been in the teeth of a blizzard for three days. Railroads and highways leading to the town have been blocked while the snow piled up in almost impassable drifts.

The M.C.R.R. Co., will have the thanks of this entire community for removing their old ice house which has several times menaced the village by fire. It is now located across the tracks from Ogemaw Street. Now much safer for the village.

CROSSWORD

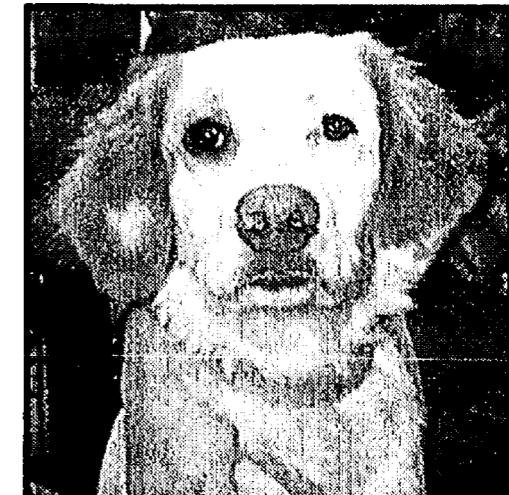


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- Body cavities
- Bevels
- Military disguise
- Actress Jessica _____
- Hawaiian greeting
- Open
- Humanian city
- Nocturnal badgerlike carnivore of wooded regions of Africa and S. Asia
- Sometimes you've got to just _____ the facts
- Junior: shortened form
- Actor _____ Stiller
- Verflexes
- Digressions
- Gulf of, in the Aegean
- Paves the asphalt
- Plant part
- Baby bear
- Mirthful
- Zodiacal ram
- Mecaws
- Taxis
- Faces
- First Chinese dynasty
- Signing
- Danger
- Reddish long-tailed monkey of W. Africa
- Fee, _____, Foe, Fum
- Paul Bunyan's pals
- One who departs
- Capture
- Loss of electricity, with "power"
- Perpendicular to a row
- Royal Air Force: abbr.
- ____! You're it!
- Evergreen trees and shrubs having oily one-seeded fruits
- Plant disease
- "____ dong, the witch is dead"
- Individual
- A way to cook with fat
- German woman's name
- Incline from vertical
- Facial gesture of pleasure
- A minute amount (Scott)
- Ode
- Thick cushion used as a seat
- Trendy facial hair styling
- Smoothly agreeable and polite
- Cannabis
- ____ on, encouraged
- Blackjack
- Leaf or strip from a leaf of the talipot palm used in India for writing paper
- In the ____ winning
- Unit of weight near the Mediterranean
- Animal represented by the constellation Arias
- Visual metaphor (Computers)
- Live and let ____

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

Adopt a Pet



Travis is a 6 or 7 month old English Setter pup. He is very friendly and absolutely beautiful. If you would like to adopt Travis or find out about any animals at the Animal Shelter, please call 348-4117.

If you are thinking about getting a pet, remember that a pet is a long term commitment. They need vaccinations and have to visit the doctor just as we do. They also need food, water, and attention. A pet who has a lot of attention develops good social habits and manners (something we all need). It is your responsibility to see that your pet doesn't bring unwanted litters into an already overcrowded animal world. Your dog or cat will live an average of 14 years, so if you can't see committing yourself for that long perhaps you should think about a hamster or guinea pig, their life spans are much shorter and, given love and attention, are great pets.

**The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am
After hour appointments available.**

HOROSCOPES

January 2002 — Week 2



Now is the time to take care of things around the house. Don't try to tackle everything at once—take it slow and make sure each job is done right. Splurge on a small gift you've been wanting.



Something you have been avoiding turns out better than expected. Be willing to go to new places and try new things. Someone is trying to get to know you better—give them a chance.



Concentrating all your energy on work can lead to problems. Adjust your work schedule to spend more time with family and friends. Take time for yourself and try something you've always wanted to do.



Make sure your information is accurate—get the facts before you act! Someone you consider a roadblock may have your best interests in mind. Remember a special date.



Brace yourself for change. Your outlook and feelings will be affected as new information comes to light. Don't be afraid to share your feelings and seek support from others.



You have a chance to express your feelings to someone in authority. Working behind the scenes can lead to greater accomplishments. Keep an eye on spending.



You are on a roll and things are going your way. It's time to try new things and head off in new directions. Stay focused on your overall goals and remember to take care of yourself.



Your creativity is in full bloom—now is the time to make your mark on a special presentation or project. Your ideas are on target and people want to support you.



Now is not the time to take on added responsibilities. Finish up some obligations before moving ahead. Spend time around the house and catch up on chores.



Examine your budget with a critical eye and make any necessary cutbacks. Small sacrifices can pay big dividends. Be patient and know that success will come.



Other people seek guidance from your actions. Be aware that what you do affects others and helping them also helps you, but remember to take some personal time.



You can be your own sharpest critic. Recognize your strengths as well as your weaknesses and don't judge yourself too harshly. A night out may revive your energy.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/1	20	10	10
1/2	24	-5	10.5
1/3	27	13	10
1/4	25	11	10
1/5	29	23	9
1/6	35	28	7
1/7	31	2	6
1/8	26	1	6

Extended Forecast

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High	36	37	32	33	29
Low	20	25	22	22	16
Wind	Scattered	Scattered	Scattered	Scattered	Show Showers
Snow	Wind	Wind	Wind	Wind	Show Showers

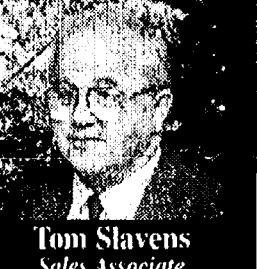
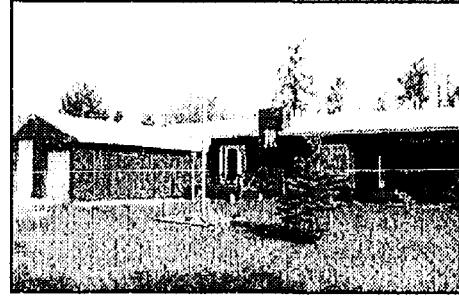
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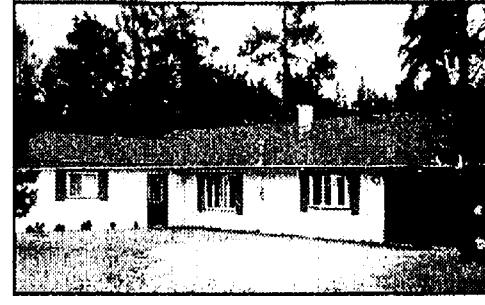
Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$6.00 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.20 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing: www.townnews.com/avalanche/
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

I. Real Estate

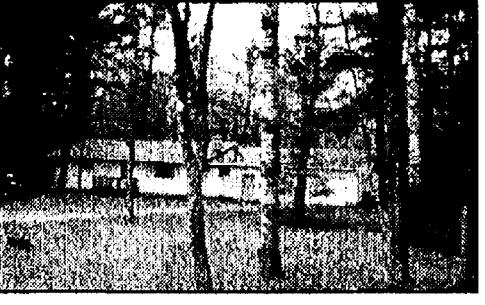
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800-731-4002

Tom Slavens
Sales Associate

WELL MAINTAINED & REMODELED MOBILE HOME with built over & shingled roof. Family room addition with Gas log fireplace, two large bedrooms, and two baths. Attached 2 car garage, breezeway area and large rear deck. Great location for recreational use; near Manistee River and many snowmobile, state land, and RV trails. \$51,900 TS-1331



2.5 ACRES IN THE COUNTRY Lots and lots of room for a large family. Located on 2.5 acres in the country. Large master bedroom complete with a full bath and hot tub. A true country setting with a private shared drive. Lots of wildlife yet not too far from town. \$115,000 TS-1403



COUNTRY LIVING WITH A CHARMING well maintained 2 bedroom home nestled in the woods of Northern Michigan. Located between Grayling and Higgins Lake. Close to State Land and all recreation areas. Lots of wildlife to be seen around this country setting. Located in a good neighborhood. Great starter home or weekend getaway. \$74,500 TS-1340



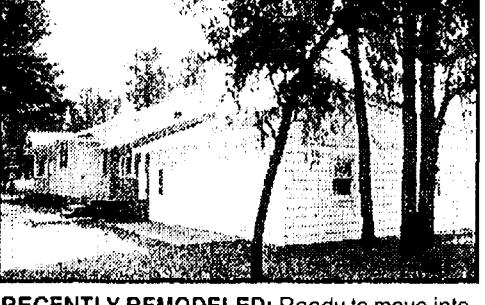
COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST - Located between Grayling and Gaylord just off a black top road. State Land, snowmobile trails, lots of lakes and rivers close by. Also a great area for small game hunting. \$88,000.00 TS-1441



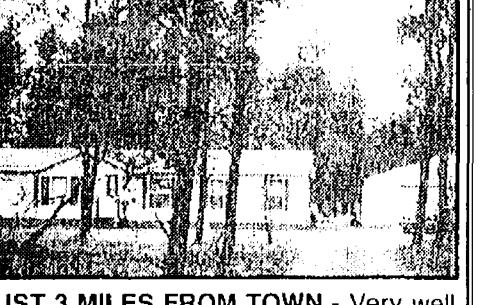
NICE RECREATIONAL CABIN. New well, NO septic. 280' fronting black top road. Close to AuSable River and only three miles to Manistee River on the main snowmobile trail. Nestled in heavy hardwood trees but still close to town. \$35,900 TS-1469



NICE COUNTRY SETTING at end of blacktop road. 897 s.f., 3 B/R, 1 bath very nice split stone fireplace. Large 24 x 36 garage / pole barn. Home would make a great starter home or excellent up north cabin. It is just a short distance to the AuSable River, snowmobile trails, lots of State Land, and recreational areas. \$69,500 TS-1413



RECENTLY REMODELED: Ready to move into. Located on 2.5 acres +/-, and a little over 2 miles from town. Lots of room for a large family. Nice big garage for the handy man and his tools. Large full basement could be a nice big recreation room and/or family room with lots of room to spare. Take a good look at this one as it won't last. \$69,500 TS-1418



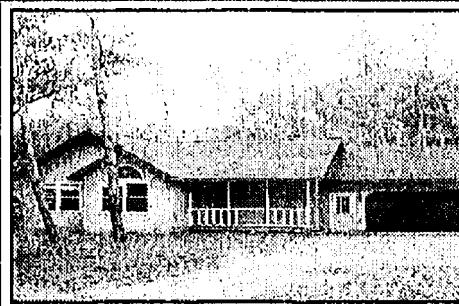
JUST 3 MILES FROM TOWN - Very well maintained home on 2.5 acres close to town. Has a Florida room complete with jacuzzi. Detached garage, nice set back from road. A definite must see. \$120,000 TS-1476



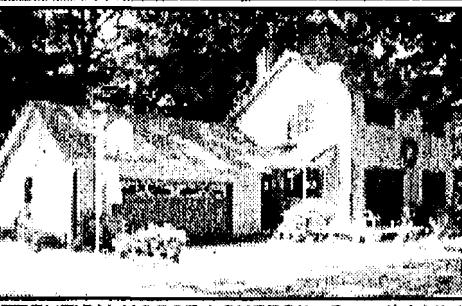
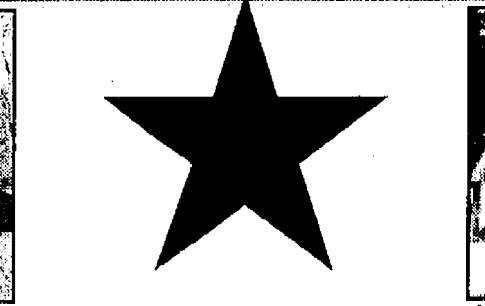
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LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION! This beautiful home offers vaulted ceilings with an open floor plan, slider door onto wood deck off dining room, oak kitchen cabinets, island bar. Master bedroom suite offers walk in closet and full bath. Covered front porch and driveway with cement apron. 2 car attached garage. Vinyl siding. Located in nice quiet neighborhood, close to town. Fresh paint throughout. CS-1457 \$89,900



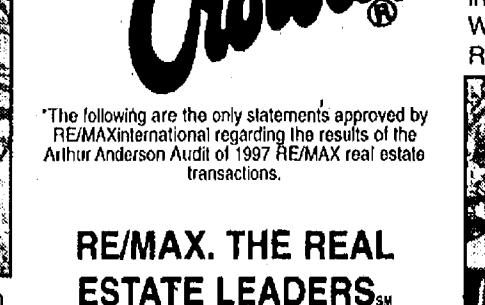
ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS!! Beautiful Mini Farm situated on 6 acres of Hard Woods. Private setting with State Land across road. 2,080 s.f. home with 3 B/R, 2 1/2 baths. Full finished basement w/ 1 B/R, family room, utility, and bath with sauna and whirlpool. Home has cathedral ceiling in living room, built-in entertainment center, 2 sky-lights, knotty pine T&G, pegged pine flooring in kitchen. 30x40 pole barn, 20x30 storage building, 3 horse corrals. Gravel driveway, attached garage is insulated, underground irrigation, frost-free hydrant next to pole barn, home wired for generator. A MUST SEE!!! \$169,900 CH-1336



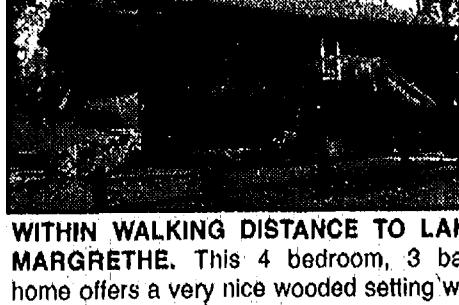
2 ENTRANCES TO PROPERTY close to state land. Includes Road Maintenance, club house, park, swimming pool. 3 lots from state land. Electricity on site. CS-1404 \$13,500



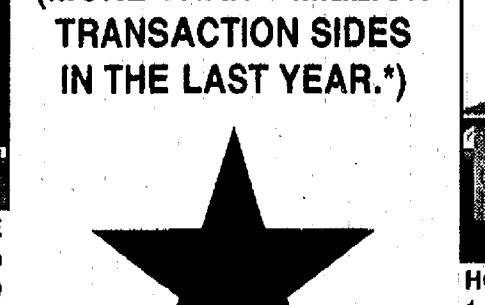
COMPLETELY REMODELED, Victorian styled 4 bedroom home. STUNNING! Pergo type flooring in the kitchen, all new oak cabinets, appliances. 9' coved ceilings throughout, plus rounded archways. New knock-down drywall, textured ceilings, formal dining room, full basement and attic. CC-1311 \$169,000



HARDWOODS! HARDWOODS! 28X30 Full log "Shell". 6 Block Crawl Space (Room for furnace and water heater). Finished exterior, stain, windows and doors. 6/12 pitch, designed for vaulted ceiling in kitchen, dining, and living rooms. No well or septic. Walk to road, trails, and AuSable River. CH-1387 \$59,900



WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE TO LAKE MARGRETHE. This 4 bedroom, 3 bath home offers a very nice wooded setting with extensive decking overlooking the pond, a dining room with 3 sides of windows, pine trim, Berber carpeting, and floor plan that offers 2 kitchens. Perfect for a full separate living area on lower level. Attached garage. A Must See! \$183,900 CC-1455



HOME CURRENTLY USED AS RENTAL 1,148 square feet; 3 bedrooms, 1 bath home with family room, sliding glass door to rear fenced yard. Recently remodeled. Excellent opportunity for an affordable 3 to 4 bedroom home in the City of Grayling. CH-1472 \$38,900

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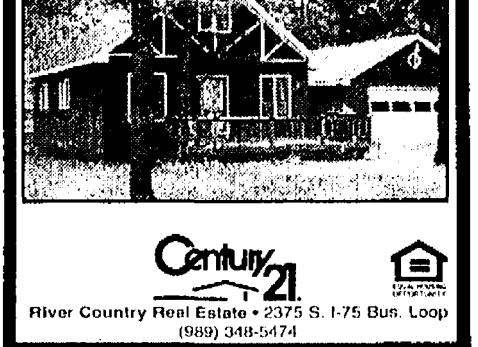
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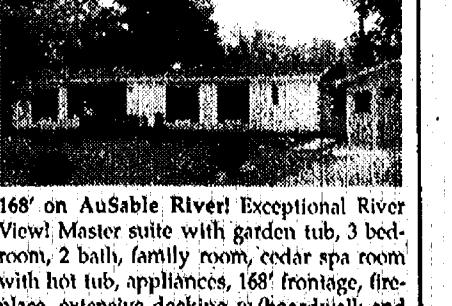
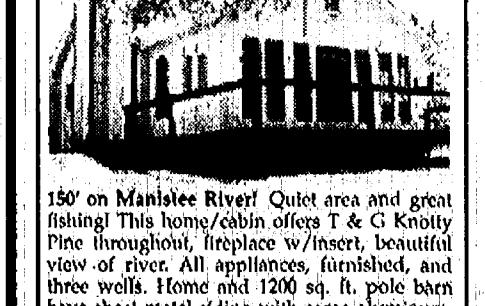
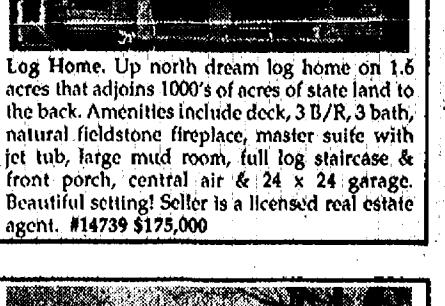
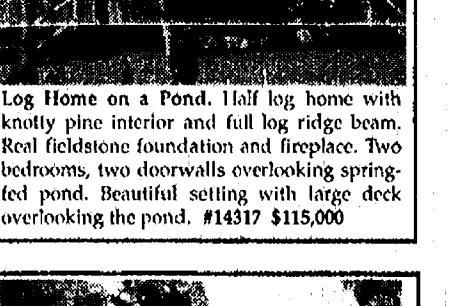
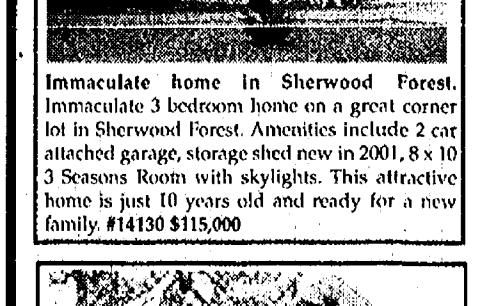
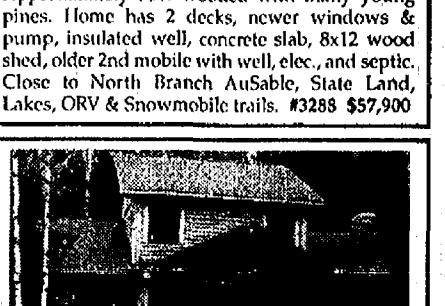
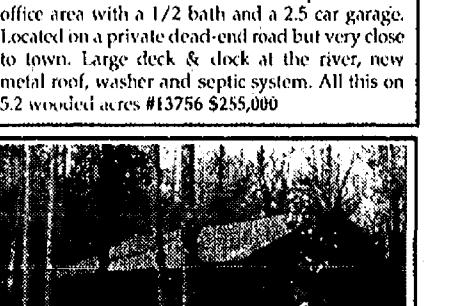
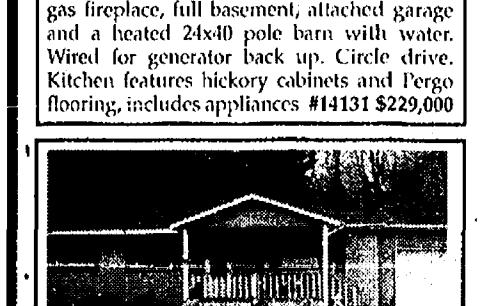
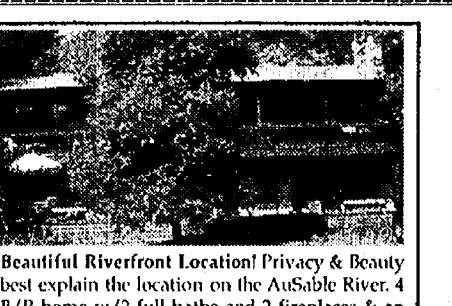
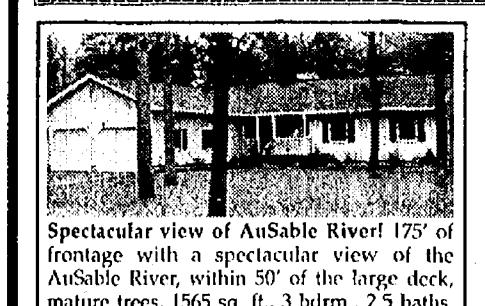
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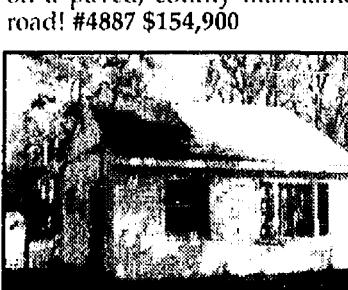
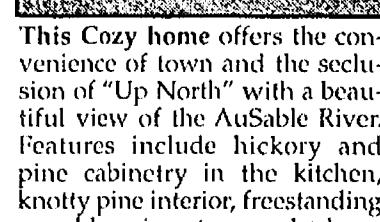
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Perhaps the major threat to the safety of our water supply is the long-term deterioration of the infrastructure that carries our municipal water supplies. Some reports estimate the infrastructure for water supply and wastewater treatment require about \$1 trillion in funding over the next 20 years to correct existing conditions.

That's led to the development of the bottled water phenomenon, though there have been lapses in their purity also.

The best perspective is maybe one from a National Science Foundation Workshop on Environmental Engineering Research Frontiers, which identified "safe, adequate and sustainable water supplies" as a foremost challenge to achieving environmental sustainability.

If you have a question or topic for a future Focus on Freshwater column, e-mail us at info@glauarium.org.

For more information on freshwater-related topics, visit Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth, Minn., or check out the website at www.glaquarium.org

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UNIT ASSISTANT (Emergency Room) Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking a person for a full-time position as a Unit Assistant in our emergency room. Responsibilities include providing clerical support for the department as well as providing patient care as directed by the Physician or the Registered Nurse. One year previous experience as an EMT, nurse aid or unit assistant. Computer skills required. Interested persons please contact: Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone 989-348-0528. Fax 989-348-0485. (-10-17/3)

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9. Personals

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